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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
May 14th 1856.

Sir:

Public Lands.

In answer to your letter of the 3d inst. in reference to locations on the public lands in the vecinity of Fort Stanton, I have to state, that no action, in such cases as those referred to by you, can be taken by this Office, until the case is officially presented for decision, by the parties interested.

A donation of the public lands cannot become valid until the terms required of the donee are complied with. therefore it is to be presumed that no person can transfer that which does not lawfully belong to him.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm Pelham
Surveyor General.

David S. Garland Esq
Fort Stanton
N. Mc.

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
May 21st 1856.

Sir:

Indian Pueblo Titles

The 8th section of the act of Congress approved July 22d 1854 for the establishment of the office of Surveyor General in New Mexico requires that I should avail myself of every means to procure information and testimony relative to all land titles in this Territory, and as you are the Agent for the Pueblos, I request that you will furnish this office with every species of data in your possession likely to facilitate the settlement of these Indian titles to land

The Act declares as follows:

"Section 8: And be it further Enacted, That it shall be "the duty of the Surveyor General, under such instructions as "may be given by the Secretary of the Interior to ascertain the "origin, nature, character and extent of all claims to land under "the laws, usages and customs of Spain and Mexico + + + + "and shall also make a report in regard to all the Pueblos existing "in the Territory, showing the extent and locality of each, stating "the number of inhabitants in the said Pueblos respectively "and the nature of their titles to the land"

In connection with the purport of the 8th section referred to, my instructions from the Secretary of the Interior are as follows: "It will be your business to collect data from the records "and other (Archives) authentic sources, relative to the Pueblos, so "that you will enable Congress to understand the matter fully, "and legislate in such a manner as will do justice to all con- "cerned"

The question of the land titles of the Pueblo Indians is of very great importance, and being anxious to facilitate the settlement of their claims to land in this Territory, I respectfully apply to you as one of the most "authentic sources" to furnish this office with all title papers, or other documents referring to the validity or invalidity of all Pueblo grants which may come within the jurisdiction of your office

I avail myself of this occasion to inform you that the law of Congress and my instructions require that my report

shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of the General Land Office in time for the next Session of Congress, and respectfully request in view of this fact, that you will furnish such information as you may possess, at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm Pelham
Surveyor General of N. Mexico

A. G. Mayers Esq
Indian Agent
for the Pueblos. &c

Oficina del Agrimensor General
Santa Fé Nuevo Mejico
á 27 de Mayo de 1856

Señor

Siendo los Jueces de Pruebas de los varios Condados á quienes corresponde el cuidado de los intereses de sus habitantes informo á Vd que el primer lúnes de Julio proximo ha sido destinado para averiguar el reclamo que hace el Señor Tomas Cabeza de Baca como heredero de Luis Maria Cabeza de Baca, á las Vegas Grandes en el Condado de San Miguel. Por consiguiente tengase Vd la bondad de avisar á los interesados que si tienen alguna razon que mostrar para que dicha merced no sea aprobada, que informen á este Despacho ántes del dia señalado para la averiguacion. Incluso hallará Vd el aviso público tocante al caso

Del Juez de Pruebas
del Condado de
San Miguel

Soi de Vd
Muy obediente Servidor
firmado Wm Pelham
Agrimensor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
May 27. 1856.

Sir:

Publo Lands. In order that I may report to Congress as soon as practicable, in regard to the Pueblo land titles in this Territory, for the action of that body in the premises, I respectfully request that the title deeds to the Pueblos enumerated in the enclosed list which have not been filed, be transmitted to this office at your earliest convenience, in order that they may be acted upon with as little delay as possible

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm Pelham
Surveyor General

Genl A.G. Mayers
Indian Agent
Present

Taos
Picuris
San Juan (Filed)
Santa Clara
Cochiti (Filed)
Santo Domingo (Filed)
San Felipe (do)
Santa Ana (do)
Sia (do)
Jemez (do)
Pecos (Filed)

San Ildefonso
Nambé
Pojoaque
Tesuque
Sandia
Isleta
Laguna
Acoma (Filed)
Zuñi
Moquinos

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
May 30 1856

Sir:

Pueblo Lands

In answer to your communication of yesterday I have to state that the title deeds to the Indian Pueblos of Zia, Santa Ana, San Juan, Jemez and Pecos, have been examined and approved by me, and have so been reported to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, for the action of Congress thereon.

I also beg leave to call your attention to that portion of the Act of Congress, establishing this Office, wherein I am required "to show the extent and locality of each Pueblo stating the number of inhabitants in each Pueblo respectively &c" which you will find by reference to the second paragraph of the 8th Section of said Act. I will therefore thank you, if consistent with your duty, to furnish me at your earliest convenience with an enumeration of the inhabitants of each Pueblo in the Territory, in order that I may report the same for the action of Congress.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm Pelham
Surveyor General

Genl A. J. Mayers
Indian Agent
Present

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
June 3d 1856.

Sir:

Pueblo Census.

Enclosed you will please find the form asked for by you in your Communication of this morning for taking the census of the Pueblo Indians. Should you find, while taking the census any item that would be interesting or important for the government to be acquainted with, not embraced in the form, you will please place it under the head of "Remarks"

The necessary stationery you may require for taking the census, will be furnished you from this Office

You are particularly requested to Keep the census of each Pueblo in a seperate book, marking the name thereof on the back.

The request contained in your letter of this morning in reference to the Pueblos of Acoma & Laguna will be complied with

Very Respectfully
Your Obed't Servant
Wm Pelham
Surveyor General

General A.G. Mayers
Indian Agent
New Mexico

Copied.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 21. 1856

Sir.

Pueblo Grants.

Information has been received at this office that certain Pueblo grants are in the possession of a Mexican residing in the town of Socorro in this Territory. by Gov. Vigil. from whom the information was received cannot state the name of the person, in whose possession they are, but that the information can be obtained from an Indian of the Pueblo of Santo Domingo, named Juan Esteban, who states that the grants of Santo Domingo, Sandia and Jemez were obtained from the same person.

As the acquisition of the indian grants is of the utmost importance to the Indians as well as to the government you are particularly requested to investigate this matter at your Earliest convenience, and if you find the person above mentioned, and that he has any of the Pueblo grants in his possession that you obtain them and deposit them in this office at the earliest possible period practicable

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Wm Pelham
Surveyor General

Lieut A G Mayers
Indian Agent
Present.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
July 28th 1856

Sir

On the 26th inst a grant was presented to this office for examination and confirmation, by a Mexican Citizen, for a tract of land situated in the County of Rio Arriba about One and One half days journey from the town of Abiquiu, donated by the Provincial Deputation of New-Mexico in the year 1832, to the father of the present claimant and occupied by the grantee and his heirs, with their stock from that time up to the present day, a period of twenty four years.

The claimant, having collected about two hundred families proceeded to settle upon the lands so granted, for the purposes of cultivation, but was notified by the Indian Agent for that District that if he attempted to measure off and settle upon the land he would incur the penalty provided by law for trespassers upon the Indian lands, the land he claimed having been ceded by the Governor and Superintendent of Indian Affairs, by treaty stipulations to the Jicarilla Apache Indians, and not only forbid his occupation of the lands but actually drove them from it.

Upon an examination of the documents presented, to substantiate the claim, the grant appears to be a valid one, and as no information has been received at this office, of the treaty made with the Jicarilla Apache Indians, having been ratified, and as the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, guaranteed the right of private property, acquired under the laws and customs of Spain and Mexico, it would be an act of injustice to the claimant, to deprive him of his right to land acquired legally, previous to the date of the ratification of the Treaty, as well as impolitic to donate lands to marauding Indians, adjacent to, or in the vicinity of lands owned by individual Citizens

The subject is therefore submitted to your consideration, for such action thereon as your-

may deem necessary in the premises

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Signed Wm Pelham
Surveyor General of
New Mexico

Hon Thomas A Hendricks
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington City
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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
August 31. 1856.

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to transmit a synopsis of my annual report, and copies of the estimates of appropriations required for this Office, as required by your instructions of the 11th of April 1856.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Signed Wm Pelham
Surveyor General of
New Mexico

Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks
Comm'r Gen'l Land Office
Washington City
D.C.

Synopsis

of the report of the Surveyor General of New Mexico and of the operations in his office, from October 1st 1855 to October 1st 1856.

Since the transmittal of the last report from this Office, the following Surveys have been executed, viz:

549 miles of Meridian, Base and Correction lines have been run, under the Contracts made with John W. Garretson Esq, dated March 9th & May 9th 1855 which Contracts have been completed and the field notes of the Surveys thereof, filed in this Office, examined, approved, and the plats constructed and transmitted to the General

Sand Office

Under the Contract made with the same individual on the 3d day of April 1856, 125 miles of Meridian, Base and Correction lines, and 265 miles of Subdivision and Township Lines have been run and the field notes filed in this office, examined and approved. Under this Contract 23 miles of Meridian, Base and Correction lines, and 431 miles of Subdivision and Township lines yet remain to be run, which will be executed, as this Office has been informed, by or before the 20th of September next. When this Contract shall have been completed, the appropriations for Public Survey, in this Territory will be entirely consumed

Appropriations for Surveys

For Surveys of Private Claims and Public Lands and for expenses of the Office of the Surveyor-General for the fiscal year ending June 30 1856 $ 98 000.00

Private Land, Donation Claims &c

16 Private Land Claims have been filed in this Office since the date of the last report, making a total of 31 Land claims filed

3 Private Land claims have been examined and approved by this Office, and will be forwarded for the action of Congress thereon

The remaining 28 Land Claims filed are ready for the action of this office whenever the parties interested shall present the testimony upon which they rely in support of their claims

9 Pueblo Claims have been filed since the date of last report, making a total of 14 Pueblo Claims which have been examined and approved by this Office and will be transmitted for the action of Congress in the premises,

20 Donation Claims have been filed since the date of last report, making a total of 32 Donation Claims filed

1014 Grants and Papers relating to Land titles have been selected from the Archives of the former government, at Santa Fé, for which 197 are private grants; all of which

have been classified as well as the nature of the documents will allow, are arranged in alphabetical order and now form a portion of the permanent records of this office

Appropriations for Land Claims Department

For pay of Translator, Incidental Expenses, establishing boundaries of private claims approved Library &c $10.750.00

The Correspondence with the General Land Office and concerning Surveys, and Private Land & Donation Claims is brought up to date

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
August 31. 1856

Signed Wm Pelham
Surveyor General of
New Mexico

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
August 29. 1856

Sir. In reply to your note of the 11th inst, concerning a donation claim filed by you in this Office I beg leave to state that it is merely the duty of this Office to receive and file all applications for donations of the Public Lands, until the lands are surveyed, when the party making the application will be entitled to a patent for one hundred and sixty acres of land, upon proof of settlement and cultivation for four years, as required by law.

In your case however, no action can be taken on your application until the grant filed by Mr Stephenson is examined and confirmed or rejected. In the former case your application is null, but in the latter case it will hold good provided the testimony in the case proves the law to have been complied with & provided no other Spanish or Mexican claims be filed & confirmed thereon

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
Wm Pelham
Surveyor General of
New Mexico

Geo A Hayward Esq
Fort Fillmore
Mesilla

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
October 17. 1856

Sir:

A claim, has this day been filed in this office by the Attorney of Francisco Thomas Cubeza de Baca et al: to a certain tract of land, Known as the "Ojito del Espiritu Santo" adjoining to, or Covering a grant made by the Spanish Government, in or about the year 1815 to the Indians Pueblos of Jemez, Santa Ana and Zia, The claim is set for trial on the first monday in December next, or as soon thereafter as possible, when, as the representative of said Indians, you may, if you see proper, take ~~the~~ the necessary steps to secure the Indians in the title to their lands, should they have any

A.G. Mayers Esq
Agent for the Pueblo Indians
of New Mexico
Santa Fé.

Very Respectfully
Your Obed't Servant
Wm Pelham
Surveyor General of
New Mexico

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, Newmexico,
October 21st. 1856.

Sir. ~

Your favor of the 11th inst., enclosing an application for a Donation or Preëmption Claim, has been received.

Your original Application has been filed by W. C. Jones, Esq., and is in the Office: but, as your location appears to be upon the lands claimed by Hugh Stephenson, Esq., for which a Plat of Survey has been filed in this Office, it will be necessary first to investigate and decide upon his claim, which originated prior to the cession of the country to the

United States – to which claims the law gives preference. After his case has been disposed of your claim will then be taken up for consideration and action thereupon.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
Wm. Pelham,
Surveyor General.

Charles A. Poppin, Esq.,
Fort Fillmore, N. M.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
October 21, 1858.

Sir: –

In reply to your favor of the 14th instant, I have to state that the claim of Hugh Stephenson, Esq., for the Tract of Land known as the "Bracito" has been filed in this Office by John S. Watts, Esq., attorney for the claimant, and the case set for trial on the first Monday in December next – or as soon thereafter as it can be taken up – when the question of its validity will be investigated and decided according to the principles of law applicable to the case.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
Wm Pelham,
Surveyor General of New Mexico.

Major A. J. Sprague,
U. S. A.,
Fort Stanton, N. M.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November 30th 1858.

Sir:—

Herewith I transmit the claims of the Pueblos of Zia, No. 14, També No 15, Jandia, No. 16, and Isleta. No. 17, which were filed in this Office subsequent to the transmittal of my annual report, and have been examined and approved, and it is respectfully requested that they be added to those already forwarded, and if possible be acted upon by Congress at the same time.

Enclosed you will also please find the notice in the case of Francisco Martinez, whose claim was forwarded in October last, and which was omitted to be enclosed, which I respectfully request may be placed where it belongs.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
Wm. Pelham.
Surveyor General.

Thomas A. Hendricks, Esq.,
Comm'r. of the Gen'l. Land Office
Washington City.
D. C.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 13, 1858.

Gentlemen.—

The Grant filed by you in this Office as attorneys of Charles Beaubien, the present Claimant to a certain Tract of Land situated in the county of Taos, and known as the Sangre de Cristo Grant, has been approved, and will be transmitted to Washington on the 1st of January next for the action of Congress in the premises.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
Wm. Pelham,
Surveyor General.

Messrs. Boughton & Wheaton,
Attorneys for Charles Beaubien.
Present.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
December 17 1856

Sir:

The claim of Salvador Montoya and five individuals more, to the town and vecinity of Tecolote has been examined and approved by this office and will be transmitted to the proper Department for the confirmation of Congress, by the mail which leaves here on the first of January next

Very Respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
Wm Pelham
Surveyor General

How A M Smith
Counsel for Salvador Montoya et al
Present

Oficina del Agrimensor General,
Santa Fé, Nuevo Mejico.
Diciembre 27 de 1856.

Señor:— Ynes Armenta, siendo apoderado por los habitantes del Pueblo de Chilili. para presentar el reclamo de ese Pueblo para que sea examinado en este Despacho, ha traido una copia de la merced hecha por el Escribano de la Corte de Pruebas del Condado de Bernalillo, pero como las instrucciones que son la guia para mi en todo reclamo, requieren que se presenten siempre los títulos originales de todo reclamo que se averigue en este Despacho, y como he recivido informacion que el originál de la merced del Chililí se halla protocolada en la Prefectura bajo su cargo, suplico á Vd. si no es contra su deber, que se tenga la bondad de entregarlo al Señor Armenta, para ebitar demoras y dificultades en el arreglo de este reclamo, y si es necesario que existá alguna evidencia en su oficina, puede Vd. hacerla copiar en el libro de registros de su Prefectura y dejar que el originál quede protocalado en el despacho bajo mi cargo.

Soi de Vd. atento obed.te Servidor Q.B.S.M.
Wm. Pelham.
Agrimensor General.

Hon. Manuel Armijo,
Juez de Pruebas del Condado
de Bernalillo, Alburquerque.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 26th, 1856.

Sir:—

The claim to the town of Casa Colorada filed in this Office by you has been examined and approved and will be transmitted, by the mail which leaves this place on the first of January next, to the proper department at Washington for the action of Congress in the premises.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
Wm Pelham,
Surveyor General.

Hon. Jacob Houghton,
President.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico, Dec. 31, 1856.

Sir:— Herewith I have the honor to transmit Claim ~~No. 8 to the town of Jacobito, San Miguel county~~, No 11, Charles Beaubien, Taos county, No. 29, town of Casa Colorado, Valencia county, No 32, Hugh Stephenson of the Doña Ana county— which have been examined and approved by this Office, and the parties are very desirous that they be confirmed at the present session of Congress. If it can possibly be done you will highly gratify the parties by laying the claims before that body at your earliest convenience. The translations and English portions of the above claims are transmitted in triplicate, with the exception of the report in claim No 32, which is in duplicate only: the triplicate copy will be transmitted by next mail. The Spanish copies have not been made in triplicate for a want of time to transcribe them. One copy only is forwarded with the English copies.

Very respectfully your obt Servant.
Wm Pelham.
Surveyor General.

Hon. Jno. A. Henderson,
Commissioner, &c. Washington, D.C.

Surveyor General's Office,
Translator's Department,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 31, 1858.

Sir:—

I am instructed by the Surveyor General to inform you that the claim filed by you and the heirs of Juan Antonio Garcia, has been examined and approved by this Office and will be transmitted by the mail which leaves here on the 1st of January to the proper Department at Washington, with the request that it be presented to Congress during its present session for the action of that body in the premises.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
David V. Whiting,
Translator.

Hugh Stephenson, Esq.
El Paso,
Texas.

Oficina del Agrimensor General
Oficina de Traductor
Santa Fé Nuevo Mejico
Enero 3 de 1859

Señor

Se ha instruido por el Agrimensor General el acuerdo el recibo de su comunicacion de la fecha del 23 del corriente, tocando el terreno de las Cruces.

En respuesta tengo el honor de acompañar el documentos que cubren se han hecho á esta oficina, reclamando terreno en esas Cruces, bajo la ley de donaciones de 1854. y como en la ley del la propiedad de las donaciones hechas por las autoridades de España y Mejico, debe ser de una manera de ser naturalizada, debia prudente que protegiese los sus titulos en este respecto para que sean averiguados y si de informe de ellos al Congreso de los Estados Unidos, puesto que de esa manera puede el evitar que se haga confusion del terreno bajo la ley de donaciones de dicha fecha. No existe prueba alguna de ese derecho al terreno

Soi de la Atto Obed.te Servidor
David V. Whiting
Traductor

Señor Don Gonzalez
Tenencia de Mesa

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Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico.
January 3rd, 1857

Sir.-

You are authorized to survey into sections all such Fractional Townships on the Rio Grande which are known to be Public Lands: but you will, when you commence to subdivide a Fractional Township, subdivide the whole, unless it be different caused by precipitous hills or mountains.

Herewith enclosed you will find a map of the Government Reserve of Fort Thorn.

Very respectfully,
Wm Pelham,
Surveyor General of New Mexico.

John W. Garretson, Esq.,
Deputy Surveyor

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
April 29th 1857.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 28th inst. I have to state, that no claims to lands in this Territory, originating prior to its cession to the United States have been finally confirmed and surveyed. This office however, has no knowledge of any existing claim, and it is believed that none has been filed covering the land requested to be reserved to the United States for arsenal and other Military purposes, on and near the Moro River, in this Territory.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Wm Pelham
Surveyor General
of New Mexico

Bvt. Major W. A. Thornton
United States Army
Santa Fé
N. M.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
May 18. 1857

Gentlemen:

The claim of John Scolly et al to a tract of land, situate in the County of San Miguel and known as the Fuerte de las Nie grant, filed in this office for investigation, has been approved according to the possession given by the Justice of the Peace, who placed the grantees in possession, by virtue of the order of Manuel Armijo Civil and Military Governor of New Mexico, and will be transmitted to the proper Department at Washington for the action of Congress in the premises

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm Pelham
Surveyor General

Hon Houghton, Smith & others
Attorneys for claimants
Santa Fé N.M.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
May 18th 1857

Sir:

The law creating this office requires me, to "make a report in regard to all the Pueblos existing in the Territory, showing the extent and locality of each, stating the number of inhabitants in the said pueblos, respectively, and the nature of their titles to the land." Enclosed you will please find a list containing the names of such Pueblos, whose grants have been filed and testimony taken to show that grants were were to them, upon the application of this office to A. G. Mayers Esq: Agent for the Pueblo Indians, which grants and testimony have been approved by this office and transmitted to the proper Department at Washington for the action of Congress in the premises. The title deeds to the Pueblos Zuñi, Laguna, Santa Clara and the Moqui Pueblos still remain to be filed, and it is important that they be filed and acted upon by this office in time for their transmission to Washington, to be laid before Congress at its next Session.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Wm Pelham
Surveyor General
of New Mexico

Lieut E. Backus U.S.
Superintendent of Indian Affairs
Territory of New Mexico

Despacho del Agrimensor General
Santa Fé Nuevo Mexico
Junio 22 de 1857.

Señor

Los herederos del finado Pedro Armendariz han protocolado en este despacho un reclamo para ciertos terrenos situados en el punto del Valverde Condado de Socorro, cuyo reclamo será averiguado para el tercer lunes del Julio proximo. Los reclamantes alegan en su peticion, que los titulos originales paran en manos de Vd. como administrador de los bienes del Francisco Xavier Chavez, difunto. Si los titulos paran en manos de Vd. como alegan los peticionarios, se le suplica á Vd. que los presente y los protocole en este Despacho antes del dia señalado para la averiguacion de dicho reclamo.

Soy de Vd.
Muy Obediente Servidor

Señor José Chavez y Castillo
Los Padillas
Nuevo Mejico

Agrimensor General del
Nuevo Mexico.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 30th 1857

Sir:

I respectfully request that the appropriation of Five Hundred Dollars, made at the last Session of Congress, for the purchase of Spanish and Mexican Law Books, for the use of this office, be transmitted by return mail in a draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm Pelham
Surveyor General

Thomas A. Hendricks Esq;
Commr Genl Land office
Washington
D. C.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
July 18th 1857.

Sir,

In consequence of the tardiness manifested by Claimants to Lands in this Territory, under the Spanish and Mexican Governments in filing their claims before this Office ~~this office~~ for adjudication, the Surveys of the public Lands are necessarily retarded, to such an extent as to make it exceedingly difficult and expensive to survey the reserve for Military Posts at such points as have not been reached by the publice Surveys now been executed. I therefore suggest if it can be done without manifest injury to the service, that an officer of the Corps of Topographical Engineers be assigned to survey such reserves as may be required at Fort Stanton and and other Military Posts located upon the Public Lands.

Should you deem proper to adopt the suggestions above made, you will please instruct the Officer assigned to that duty, to establish Corners for Sections, and quarter Sections at every half-mile on the exterior boundary lines of the reserve to be surveyed in order to connect the public Surveys with the lines so run

You will also please cause a Copy of the Field notes and plat of the Survey executed to be filed in this Office

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm Pelham
Surveyor General
of New Mexico

Bvt Brig Genl John Garland
Commanding Department
Santa Fe
N.M.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
January 1st 1858.

Sir

Your letter of Dec 23d 1857 with enclosures has been received and contents noted.

The nine donations made by the Mexican Commissioner were made prior to the occupation of the Land granted by the Government of the United States and are therefore considered as Mexican grants and treated accordingly

The instructions to this office require Claimants under Mexican and Spanish grants to file a "written notice setting forth the Name of the present Claimant Name of Original Claimant "nature; nature of claim; Whether inchoate or perfect;" its date; from what authority the original title was derived

with a reference to the power and authority under which the granting Officer may have acted, quantity claimed locality, notice & extent of conflicting if any with a reference to the documentary evidence and testimony relied upon to establish the claim, and to show a transfer of right from the original grantee to present Claimant.

So much of the regularity and despatch of business depends upon the uniformity and strictness of the rules and regulations established and conditions required they will be strictly adhered to in every case, You will therefor be kind enough as to comply with the instructions above quoted.

The Donation Applications sent up by you are defective in many points & I enclose a blank form by which you will be guided in making out the applications which you have sent up, and which are returned to you on account of the postage to be paid on them.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Wm. Pelham
Surveyor General

James A Lucas Esq
Doña Ana,
N. Mex.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
January 5, 1864.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:—

In his annual report from this office of 30th September, 1855, the Surveyor General reports that "the grants made by the government of Spain to the Pueblos of Silla, Santa Ana, San Juan, Jemez and Pecos have been filed, examined and approved by this office" In his subsequent reports and correspondence I can find no mention of the Pueblo of Santa Ana, and (probably in consequence of this omission) the claim of that pueblo has not been confirmed by Congress.

The Indians of Santa Ana, not understanding the reason why the titles to the lands claimed by other pueblos should have been confirmed, their grants surveyed and patents issued to them, and theirs ignored, have applied to me through their agent to investigate the matter. In compliance with their request I have examined the files of this office very thoroughly, and have been unable to find any record of a grant to the Pueblo of Santa Ana, or any evidence—except the report above referred to—that any has ever been filed or acted upon by the Surveyor General. For the purpose of placing on file evidence of the existence of the pueblo and the grounds upon which the inhabitants base their claim to the lands professed by them, I have taken the testimony in writing of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the pueblo and of four respectable and disinterested citizens, a copy of which is herewith transmitted, from which I am satisfied that they have a valid claim to a tract of land two leagues square, the church in the pueblo being the centre. Discovering no reason why Surveyor General Pelham should have dropped the pueblo from the list of pueblo claims given in his annual report of 30th September, 1856, and in his letter of January 12, 1858, after having approved it as above, I respectfully recommend that it be confirmed, and designated in the list of Pueblo Grants by the letter T.

It may be proper to state as evidence of the existence of this grant from a very remote period that among the files of this office I find it frequently mentioned. The Governor of New Mexico in 1734 annulled by decree a conveyance of lands to the pueblo on the Rio Grande. In 1763 the Governor by decree approved the conveyance of certain lands on the Rio Grande to the inhabitants of Santa Ana which I believe they still hold.

There are also on file records of proceedings before the Governor, dated 1813 and 1817, in a matter between said pueblo and the pueblo of San Felipe

concerning the title and boundaries of lands on the Rio Grande.

Respectfully your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,

Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 10, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— I have the honor to transmit by mail today to your office in one package patent certificates and plats for the two private claims numbered 14 and 70, confirmed to Serafin Ramirez.

The certificates are not attached to the plats, it being difficult to roll them attached without injury to the plats. I have therefore to request that you will cause them to be fastened together upon their arrival.

I am very respectfully your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,

Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 18, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:—

I have the honor to forward herewith my Semiannual Returns of Property for the term ending Dec. 31, 1866

Very respectfully your obt. servant,

John A. Clark,

Surveyor General New Mexico.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 19, 1866.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C

Sir:— I have to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of your letter of 2nd instant approving the contract with William A. Pierce, deputy Surveyor, dated December 15, 1866, for surveys in Arizona, and notice your remarks accompanying the same

Mr Pierce was made acquainted with the provision of the first section of the act of Congress of May 30, 1862, requiring the approval of your office before the contract became binding upon the United States, but in view of your instructions of 11th September, 1866, in regard to the work to be done and of the delay which would be caused by waiting for the return of your approval, and supposing that unless there were personal objections to the deputy the contract would be approved by your office, he desired and was allowed to proceed at once to the field.

The same reasons influenced my action and that of Isaac G. Stuck, deputy Surveyor, who in pursuance of his contract of December 20, 1866, (transmitted for your approval with my letter of December 20, 1866) proceeded at once to the field of his operations. Mr. Stuck came here at my request from Kansas, where he had been employed as deputy Surveyor in the execution of the public surveys in that district and also as draughtsman in the Surveyor General's office. He brought me most satisfactory recommendations as to his integrity and qualifications as an accomplished Surveyor, and I trust his contract (transmitted as above) will be approved.

There being no Surveyors of known experience within this district I have been obliged to invite those known to possess the requisite qualifications from abroad. Mr. Fellows is from Iowa, Mr. Pierce from Colorado and Mr. Stuck from Kansas.

The expense of remaining here without employment one to three months after entering into contract waiting the return of the approval from your office is a hardship which should be avoided if possible— and under the circumstances I have to request that in contracts hereafter to be entered into by this office you will order that they may become binding upon the United States from the date of execution to the extent of the particular appropriation for the service in this district.

Unless advised as above requested I shall hereafter comply strictly with your instructions of the 2nd instant.

I am very respectfully your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 21, 1864.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— I have the honor to forward for final settlement the approved account between the United States and Asa B. Carey on behalf of the owners of the private land claims known as the San Pedro and Cañon deb Agua in the matter of the survey of those grants, showing a balance of two dollars and sixty five cents to be refunded; and also a statement of the accounts of the total expense of said surveys.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 26, 1864.

Hon. Joseph S Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— From the books and files in this office I have never been able to ascertain the exact amount remaining unexpended of the several appropriations for surveys, salaries and incidental expenses for this district at the time I entered upon the duties of the office on the 9th of October, 1861.

That I may be enabled to determine at the end of each quarter the exact amount of funds available for the several branches of the service in this district, I have to request that you will cause to be sent me a statement from the books in your office showing the amount unexpended of said several appropriations, at the above date, after payment of all accounts certified by my predecessor.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
February 19. 1867

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington DC
Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the approved field notes and plats of 2d correction line South from the corner twenty five chains East of corner to sections 34 & 35 Township 10 S. R. 3 E. to corner twenty five chains East of quarter section corner on South boundary of section 33 T 10 S. R 25 E. in New Mexico, together with approved account for the same

I am respectfully your Obt. Servt
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 21, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir: I have the honor to enclose herewith certified copy of the approved fieldnotes of the survey of the 4th Correction South (in New Mexico) from the corner of township 20 South, ranges 2 & 3 West, west to the corner of township 20 South, ranges 14 & 15 West, with the plats of said survey. I also enclose for settlement and payment the approved account of Isaac C. Stuck, deputy surveyor, for said survey.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 28, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington City D.C.

Sir:— I have the honor to forward herewith for settlement the approved account of Robert H. Williams for services as Draughtsman in this office fifteen days, amounting to $62.50

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 4, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— I have to acknowledge the receipt, on the 2nd instant, of your printed "Circular in relation to Mining Claims," dated January 14, 1867.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 4, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir: I have to request that you will send me, for the use of this office and for distribution in office of your report for 1866, and the same number of your for

of the Land Sales and Territories upon which you have caused to be designated the location and extent of mines, &c.

I am respectfully your obedient Servant,

John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 9, 1867.

John H. Archibald, Esq.,
Tucson, Arizona.

Sir: I received yesterday your letter of 20th ultimo asking on behalf of the citizens resident upon the Santa Cruz and San Pedro rivers that the lands upon those streams be surveyed during the next Summer.

In reply I have to state that the surveys already contracted for and contemplated north of the Gila river will consume all of the money at the disposal of this office for the service in Arizona.

If the appropriation had been made according to my estimate, it was my intention to have extended the public surveys during the present year up the Gila to include the mouth of the San Pedro and the lands on the latter stream for such distance above its mouth as the public interests should demand. I suppose these are the lands on the San Pedro which you refer to, as I believe there are no settlements on the upper portions of that river.

I have been informed that the greater part of the arable land on the Santa Cruz is claimed under grants from Spain or Mexico: if this is true the public surveys will not probably be extended over that section until those claims are adjudicated. In the meantime the Territorial laws will protect the settlers in their possessions upon the lands of the United States.

I am respectfully your obt. Servant,

John A. Clark, Surveyor General.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 19, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of my application to General James H. Carleton, commanding this district, asking that military protection be given to Isaac C Stucks, deputy surveyor, and party in the execution of the surveys under his contract with this office dated 20th December, 1866; also copy of Gen'l Carleton's order in response to my letter, and of the several endorsements thereon.

It will be seen by General Sherman's endorsement that he disapproves the action of Gen'l Carleton in the premises, so that henceforth, unless General Sherman's decision shall be reversed, no escorts will be furnished deputy surveyors in this military district.

The hostile Apache Indians infest the region where it is most desirable that surveys should be made, and outside of the settlements an ordinary surveying party would be in great danger without the protection of a military escort.

Military establishments are sustained here by the Government ~~for~~ for the sole purpose of protecting the people against the hostile acts of the Indians. The soldiers while protecting surveying parties in the field are in effect scouting after the Indians. Twelve well armed men with the surveying party — each member of which is also armed — will generally be sufficient. It is not probable that during the continuance of these Indian hostilities protection for more than two parties in New Mexico and the same number in Arizona will be required at any one time. All of the surveys contemplated in this district are in the vicinity of military posts, and when at those posts there are troops unemployed I can see no good reason why they should not be placed in the field upon this service. The decision of Gen. Sherman will have the effect to embarrass the field operations of this office if not to suspend them altogether during the present year. I have therefore to request that you will submit the matter to General Grant, and if possible obtain an order from him for the protection of deputy surveyors in this district while engaged in the prosecution of the public surveys.

Very respectfully your obt. servant,
John A. Clark, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 23, 1869.

Isaac O. Stuck, Esq,
Deputy Surveyor,
Fort Selden, N. M.

Dear Sir:— I received yesterday (after the departure of the Southern mail) your letter from Fort Bayard of 5th instant, covering note of Lt. Col. Duncan declining to furnish a suitable escort for your protection in the further prosecution of your work. I regret that on this account you may be unable to survey the 3rd Correction Line.

Your proposition to run and establish the line east from the N. W corner of T. 16 S. R. 13 W. to corner of T. 16 S. R. 10 & 11 W., making allowances for the convergency of the range lines, &c., cannot be entertained. The line, if run at all, must be extended west from the corner of sections 34 & 35 T. 15 S. R. 7 W. and the proper connections made and corners established at the intersections of the range lines south of it, as contemplated by your contract and instructions.

If you shall be unable to procure a sufficient military escort to protect yourself and party in running the 3rd Correction Line as above, you may in lieu thereof — subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the General Land office — run and establish the exterior lines of Townships 17, 18, 19 & 20, range 10 west, embracing the valley of the Mimbres river.

Should you pursue this course you are requested to procure a statement from the officer Commanding at Fort Selden of his inability to furnish you with the necessary protection upon the 3rd Correction Line, and accompany the same with your own statement of the facts in the case.

Hoping after all to learn that you have been able to complete your contract by running the 3rd Correction Line,

I am respectfully yours,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor-General.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 31, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:—

I have the honor herewith to transmit, for settlement, the approved Salary and incidental expense accounts for the quarter ending this date.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 3, 1867

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:—Deputy Surveyor W.H. Pierce has returned the fieldnotes of one hundred and forty-four miles of the surveys embraced in his contract with this office dated 15th December, 1866, in the execution of which he informs me he was protected by a detachment of soldiers furnished by Col. Sanford, to whom my application in his behalf was referred by Col. Lovell. Lt. Col. Hges, who relieved Col. Sandford at Fort McDowell about the time of the completion of the work returned, recalled the escort which had been furnished as above, and Mr. Pierce was obliged in consequence to abandon the further prosecution of his work, and returned here on the 28th ultimo.

From my personal knowledge of the condition of the country I am satisfied that if his men had been willing to have taken the risk the party would have been in constant danger of attack from the Indians, and I think he was entirely justified in abandoning the work, as he did, when his escort was withdrawn; and I therefore recommend that he be released from further obligation under his contract as requested.

I have the honor to enclose herewith for your information the following, viz: 1st Copy of my letter to Col. Charles S. Lovell; 2d. copy of letter from William H. Pierce to Lieut.

Col. Guido Iligen and copy of endorsement thereon; and 3? Copy of letter from deputy surveyor Pierce asking to be released from his contract.

Referring to my letter of the 19th ultimo I would suggest that the refusal of the local commander in Arizona to give military protection to deputy surveyor Pierce and his being obliged for the want of it to quit the field furnishes a good illustration of the necessity of a general order from the headquarters of the army to local military commanders for the protection of deputy surveyors in surveying the public lands in this district.

I am very respectfully your obt. servant,

John A. Clark,
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
April 8, 1867.

John A. Frechibalk, Esq.,
Tucson, Arizona.

Sir— I received on the 5th instant your letter of the 25th ult. requesting to be informed as to the manner of proceeding under the law of Congress of 2nd June, 1862. Settlers upon the public land can do nothing in the direction of securing their titles until the lands are surveyed and the plats thereof filed in the local land office (if there be one) except to keep actual possession of the tract claimed. Within six months after the survey is made in the field, in order to secure the right of preëmption the claimant must file with the Register of the landoffice, or if there is no land office in the district with the Surveyor General, a notice of the specific tract claimed, and must enter and pay for it within twelve months from the filing of the notice. The preëmption claimant may claim the tract (160 acres) as a homestead under the act of May 20, 1862— See U. S. Statutes at Large, vol. 12, pr. 392— but the same rules in regard to survey, &c., are applicable as in cases of preëmption.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 8, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your annual report for 1866 and of six diagrams of the Territories of Newmexico and Arizona.

Very respectfully your obt. servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 11, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— I have the honor to enclose herewith the approved account of William W. Price, deputy surveyor, amounting to twenty-one hundred and sixty dollars, for surveying one hundred and forty-four miles of base, Meridian and Standard lines in Arizona. I also transmit in a separate package a copy of the field notes and a connected map of the surveys.

I am respectfully your obt. servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 13, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.— As requested in your letter of the 26th ultimo I have the honor now to submit my estimates for the surveying service in this district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, as follows:

On Salary Account.

For Salary of the Surveyor General.....$3000.00
" " " Translator.....2000.00

On Surveying Account.

For public Surveys— continuing the Survey of Base, Meridian, Townships and Subdivisional Lines in New Mexico.....$25,000.00

I have made no estimates for Salaries Clerks (except for Translator, who acts as Chief Clerk), nor for fuel, rents of office and incidental expenses. The unexpended balances of appropriations for these purposes, according to your statement of February 16, 1867, furnished this office, will be sufficient.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 13, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, Commissioner General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.— I have to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of your letter of 29th ultimo advising me that the Territory of Arizona, by the act of Congress approved March 2, 1867, was attached to the Surveying district of California, and directing the transfer to that district of the original archives belonging to the Surveying Service in Arizona.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 16, 1867.

L. Upson, Esq.,
Surveyor General,
San Francisco, California.

Sir— I am advised by the Commissioner of the [this letter of 7 pages] General Land office, that by the provisions of an act of Congress approved March 2d, 1867, the Territory of Arizona, lately constituting a part of this district, was attached to the surveying district of California, and I am directed to transmit to you the original archives belonging to the surveying service in Arizona— except such as are necessary for the proper approval of surveys executed or to be executed under contracts entered into prior to March 2, 1867.

On the 15th December, 1866, I entered into contract with William A. Pierce, deputy surveyor, for the survey of the Gila and Salt River Meridian from the initial point— near the left bank of the Gila river opposite the mouth of Salt river— north ninety-six miles, the Base line from said initial corner east thirty-six miles, the first, second and third Correction lines North, east to the first township corner east of the San Francisco river and west forty-two miles, and the exterior lines of townships 9, 10, 11, 12 North of ranges 1, 2, 3 and 4 West.

Mr. Pierce proceeded at once to the field, and, protected by a military escort, completed the Base line, twenty-four miles of the Meridian and the first Correction line north according to his contract: but at this point the commanding officer of the district recalled the escort, and, in consequence, Mr. Pierce was obliged to abandon the work— the condition of the country being such that it was considered unsafe to attempt to continue the surveys without military protection, and has applied to be relieved from further obligation under his contract.

The fieldnotes of the surveys as above have been approved by this office. The question of relieving Mr. Pierce has been submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land office for decision. ...

The above is the only contract entered into by this office for the extension of the public surveys in Arizona.

I enclose herewith a diagram of the surveys included in Mr. Pierce's contract— the black lines showing those completed and the red those yet to be surveyed. From the best data in my possession at the date

of the contract I located Prescott in T. 11 N. R. 3 W., and provided for the survey of the exterior lines of townships in that vicinity: but since receiving Mr. Pierce's verbal report, with the location of some points ascertained by his measurement, I think it will be found to be in T. 13 N. R. 1 W.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 25, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— I have the honor to forward herewith transcripts of the approved fieldnotes of the survey of the exterior boundaries of townships 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, except of the north boundary of township 16 and the south boundary of township 20, South, ranges 11, 12 and 13 West, with the plats of said survey. I also forward herewith the approved account of deputy surveyor Isaac C. Stuck for the work above referred to, amounting to $2304.06.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
John A Clark,
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé New Mexico;
April 24, 1867

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:—

Mr. Isaac C. Stuck, deputy surveyor, under his contract of December 20, 1866, was required to run and establish the 3rd Correction Line South from the corner to sections 34 & 35 T. 15 S. R. 7 W. He reports his inability to complete this part of his contract for want of sufficient military protection; but in order to complete the exterior boundaries of township 16 S. Ranges 11, 12 & 13 W. he surveyed a line from the corner to sections 1 & 6 T. 16 S. Ranges 10 & 11 W. west eighteen miles and fifteen chains, establishing thereon township, section and quarter section corner for the townships north, and

also closing corners on line between ranges 10 W1, 11 W2, 12 W3 and 13 W4 west, township 16 South, and designating said line as the 3rd Correction Line South. I have disapproved of the survey of this line because:

1st- It is not in accordance with the contract and instructions.

2nd- It is not an extension west of the 3rd Correction Line, and therefore is not in any proper sense a Correction or Standard line.

3rd- If not a Standard line the corners are not in proper position, nor are they marked as they should be to constitute it the north boundary of the townships named.

The survey as reported seems to have been well and faithfully executed, and in making it I have no doubt Mr. Steck acted in perfect good faith

He desires that the whole matter may be referred to you for your final decision, and at his request I enclose herewith a copy of his letter to this office giving the reasons for not surveying the 3d Correction line according to instructions, copy of letter from Lieut. Col. Duncan, commanding at Fort Bayard, declining to furnish escort as requested and copy of the fieldnotes and plat of the line.

I propose to contract for other surveys in the neighborhood of the 3rd Correction Line, and therefore have to request that you will communicate your decision upon the question above submitted at an early day.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
May 1, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I received yesterday your letter of 10th ultimo enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. James F. Holmes in relation to a private claim known as "La Junta de los Rios."

The grant to John Scolly and others, referred to by Mr. Holmes as "La Junta de los Rios," was transmitted by Surveyor

General Pelham with his annual report of September 30, 1859. It is numbered 39 in his report, but in the corrected list of approved private claims transmitted with his letter of January 12, 1858, it is designated as No. 9. The claim was confirmed, to the extent of five leagues, by the act of Congress entitled "an act to confirm certain private land claims in the Territory of New Mexico," approved June 21, 1860.

I know nothing of the matters charged in Mr Holmes' letter. It is not true that I have "encouraged" persons to go upon the grant in question "because the grant is cut down," or for any other reason.

The grantees have never applied to this office to have their claim surveyed according to the act of confirmation, nor have they filed any information as to their location of the five leagues confirmed to them as above.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
May 1, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of your letter of 6th ultimo in answer to my letter of 19th March upon the subject of military escorts for the protection of deputy surveyors in the field, and notice your instructions relative to surveying contracts.

The exterior boundaries of townships and the standard lines necessary to be surveyed to reach and include settlements and to connect the public surveys are, to a certain extent, remote from the settlements, and it is upon the survey of these lines that the deputy surveyors require and should receive military protection. In the subdivision of townships including settlements no other protection than that afforded by the settlers will be required.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,
Surveyor General

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 8, 1867.

Surveyor General of Colorado and Utah,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I enclose herewith, at the request of the attorney for the claimants, all of the original papers on file in this office relating to the claims to lands on the Conejos river in Colorado Territory, together with the translations of the same. I also enclose blank receipts in duplicate, which please sign and return to this office.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
May 15th 1867.

Hon. Josiah S. Wilson
Com'r. of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of your letter of 4th ultimo inclosing copy of a letter to Hon. J. F. Chaves, and also map of New Mexico, Arizona & California

In the construction of the map of this district to accompany my annual reports, I shall endeavor to meet your wishes, and make it as complete as possible

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt. Svt.
John A. Clark
Surveyor General,

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 18. 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.
Sir

On the receipt of your letter of 30th March 1867, calling my attention to the apparent conflict between ~~between~~ the Canon del Agua and Ortiz mine grants, I examined the notes of the survey of both grants and of their connection with the public surveys and find, that according to the field notes the two grants do conflict. As this was not anticipated by the survey of the Canon del Agua grant - the survey of the Ortiz mine grant, as I am advised, having never set up any claim to that portion of the Canon del Agua apparently enclosed within the boundaries of their grant - and as from my personal Knowledge of the position of the Ortiz mine and the Placer del Santo, & of the distance by the road between the two places (estimated by the residents at ten to twelve miles) the possibility of a conflict between the two grants had not occurred to me, I deemed it proper to verify the connection with the Public Surveys made by Deputy Surveyor Griffin in his survey of the Canon del Agua grant, and on the 29th ult. sent Deputy Surveyor Stinde employed in this office as Draughtsman) to make the necessary examination on the ground. Herewith please find a copy of his report.

You will observe that Mr Stinde found and identified several of the corners on the line between Ranges 7 & 8 East Township 12 North, including the quarter section corner between sections 19 & 24, and from a point one chain and fifty links North of said quarter section corner found the bearing of the mound erected on the summit of the Sierra del Santo (the most Easterly peak of the Canon del Agua grant) to be N. 89° W. There is a difference of three fourths of a degree between the bearing given by Mr Griffin and that found by Mr

Stuck as above. Mr. Griffin mearned North from the corner of T. 12 S. Ranges 7 & 8 E. two miles thirty eight chains and fifty links finding no corner on the line North of the Township corner. The point thus attained, if the measurement was precisely the same as that of the Range line, would be identical with the point from which Mr Stuck made his observation. The probable difference in measurements however may account for the discrepancy. I am of opinion that the bearing above given by Mr Stuck should be substituted for that reported by Mr Griffin

Mr Stuck also undertook to find the South boundary of the Ortiz mine grant, and to make the proper connections between it and the Canon del Agua survey, but failed in finding any trace of the line. I do not therefore regard the connection between the two grants reported by him as of any value. His examinations however convince me that there is a conflict between the two grants

In this connection I desire to call your attention to the survey of the Ortiz mine grant. The boundary line of this grant crosses many of the lines of the public surveys, yet none are noted except the 3d. correction line, and no corners are established at the intersection of that line, or that there are no data in this office by which the areas of the fractions bordering on said grant can be computed or ascertained. These connections should yet be made, and the proper fractional portion corners established. The intersections of said boundary line with the boundary of the Canon del Agua grant should also be ascertained and properly marked

Should this suggestion meet with your approval I will have the work done at as early a day as practicable.

I am very respectfully your obt. Servt

Wm A. Clark Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 21. 1867

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr of the Genral Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 20th ultimo.

Hon. John S. Watts, one of the sureties in Wm H. Pierce's bond, is absent in the States, and it will be several weeks before I can procure his written consent to the release of Mr Pierce from further obligation to prosecute the surveys in Arizona under his contract with this office of December 10. 1866. Upon its receipt I will transmit it to your office as directed

I am respectfully your obt. Servt.
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
May 23, 1867.

Hon: Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.— I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of the approved fieldnotes and plat of the survey of the range line between ranges 14 and 15 east, townships 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 south, the 3rd Correction line south from the corner of townships 15 south, ranges 8 and 9 east, east to the corner of T. 15 S. R. 18 & 19 E., the exterior boundaries of townships 14 and 15 south, ranges 9 and 10 east, and of T. 11 S. Ranges 13 and 14 east

I also enclose for settlement the approved account of Miriam C. Fellows, deputy surveyor, for said surveys.

Mr. Fellows returned to this office in the months of February last the fieldnotes of the above surveys — except that portion of the 3rd Correction line east of the corner to T. 15 S. Ranges 14 and 15 east, but, it appearing from the notes that there was more or less timber upon all of said lines, except the exterior boundaries

of T. 14 & 15 S. Ranges 9 & 10 E. and the south boundary of T. 15 S. R. 11 E, rendering it probable that at many of the corners there were trees within a reasonable distance which should have been marked and returned as witness trees. I withheld my approval, and required Mr. Fellows to return to the field, retrace said lines and comply with the instructions in taking and marking witness trees to the corners. He has complied with my instructions with respect to all the lines except the 3rd Correction line— as will be seen by copy of the field notes herewith— but reports the Indians so numerous and hostile on that line, in the Sacramento mountains, that he was unable to retrace it as required, his escort refusing to encounter the danger and his men to accompany him without military protection.

The exterior boundaries of Townships 14 and 15 South, Ranges 9 and 10 East, are projected from this line. The include the town and settlements of Tularosa, and it is very desirable that they should be subdivided at once.

The line appears to have been well surveyed and the general instructions complied with— except in the matter of marking witness trees where they may have occurred within a reasonable distance of the corners. I have therefore approved the notes as above, and submit the question for your decision as to what portion of the compensation— if any— should be retained to cover the cost of retracing the line and marking witness trees to the corners in accordance with instructions when the condition of the country will permit.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,

Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 28. 1867

Hon. L. Upson
Surveyor General
San Francisco California

Sir

In further compliance with the instruction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office of 29th March 1867, I transmit herewith the original field notes of the survey of the Base line along the South boundary of Township 16 South

Ranges 1.2.3.4.5 & 6 East of the Gila and Salt River Meridian from the initial corner, North to the corner of Townships 4 & 5 North, and of the first correction line North, along the South boundary of Township 5 North, Ranges 1.2.3.4.5.6 & 7 East and Ranges 1.2.3.4.5.6 & 7 West, in the Territory of Arizona— Also copy of part of a letter of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office to this office, dated Sept. 11, 1866, and in a separate package, a plat of the Surveys above mentioned

I am directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office to release Deputy Surveyor Pierce from further obligation under his contract of December 15. 1866, as requested by him. There is therefore no outstanding contract with this office for Surveys in Arizona

Respectfully, your obt. Servt.
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Please sign and return duplicate receipt herewith.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe. New Mexico,
June 1, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.,

Sir:—

I have the honor to enclose herewith a certified copy of the field notes of the survey of the south and east boundaries of townships 11, 12, 13 and 14 and the east boundary of Township 15 south of ranges 15 and 16 east; the exterior boundaries of township 9 and the east and west boundaries of township 10 south of range 16 east, in the Territory of New Mexico— also the approved account of Hiram C. Fellows, deputy surveyor, for said surveys; and in a separate package a connected plat of the same.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 4, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your approval two contracts for surveys in New Mexico, viz: Contract with deputy surveyor Robert B. Willson for the subdivision of eight townships, and one with deputy surveyor Hiram C. Fellows for the survey of one hundred and twenty-six miles of exterior township boundary lines and the subdivision of six townships - diagrams of which are also enclosed.

You will observe that the survey of the exterior boundaries of township 11 South of Range 17 to 24 East inclusive is provided for in Mr. Fellows' contract. These townships cover nearly all of the arable lands in the valley of the Rio Mondo.

"The region between the south boundary of township 11 South and the 3rd Correction line south is represented as a treeless plain with little water, and consequently little land available for settlement. I have therefore, to save the expense of surveying the exterior lines of the townships south of the Rio Mondo, contracted for the survey of the townships along that stream as above, basing the survey on the 2nd Correction line - the exterior boundaries of townships to be extended south from the township corners, and the subdivisional lines to close on the section corners on said line."

There are settlements in each of the townships to be subdivided under these contracts, and the country, especially along the Rio Mondo, is filling up rapidly with an enterprising population.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
June 8. 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr of the General Land office
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 17th ult. covering copy of field notes of the survey of the 3d correction line from point fifteen chains East of corner to Township 15 South Ranges 10 & 11 West, to corner of Township 15 South Ranges 13 & 14 West, the plat of said line and the amount of Isaac L Stuck for said survey

In compliance with your instructions I have approved the field notes of said survey, and herewith return certified copy of the same with plat, and also the approved account of Deputy Surveyor Stuck for settlement

I am respectfully your obdt Servt
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
June 11, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— I have the honor to transmit herewith for your approval a contract of this date with deputy surveyor Isaac L. Stuck for the survey of thirty-six miles of exterior township boundaries, and for the subdivision of eight townships—a diagram of which is also enclosed.

There are settlements or mines in each of the Townships included in the enclosed contract.

I am very respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
June 12, 1867.

Hon: Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the Genl Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— On the 8th ultimo, upon the application of the attorney for parties interested, I forwarded to the Surveyor General of Colorado and Utah the original papers relating to a claim to land upon the Conejos river in Colorado Territory, together with a translation, and herewith have the honor to enclose the Surveyor Generals receipt for the same.

I am respectfully your obedient servant
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe New Mexico
June 24. 1867

Hon Joseph S Wilson
Commr. of the Genrals Land office
Washington D.C

Sir

I received today your telegram of 13th instant, and will send dispatch in reply by the mail to Denver which leaves here on monday

The map of New Mexico drawn in compliance with your instructions of 4th of April, will be ready to be transmitted by the 10th proximo

& I have no data by which to fix the geographical position of the landmarks forming portions of the boundaries of each county, I cannot lay down upon the map the County boundaries with this exception, you will find the map very complete

I am respectfully your Obt. Svt.
John A Clark
Sur. Genl

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
June 25. 1867

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Will transmit map of New Mexico by 10th July, to reach you by 25th. Have written.

John A. Clark Surveyor General

Western Union Telegraph Co. at Denver will transmit above dispatch, to be paid in Washington

John A. Clark Sur Gen'l

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
July 1. 1867

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr. of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit for settlement herewith the approved salary and incidental expense accounts of this office for the quarter ending 30th ultimo.

I am respectfully your obt. svt.
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
July 4, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.—Herewith I have the honor to enclose my semiannual return of property for the term ending the 30th ultimo.

Respectfully your obt. servant,
John A. Clark, Surveyor General.

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
July 9. 1867

Hon'l Joseph S. Wilson
Commr. of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of 4th April 1867, I have the honor to transmit herewith a map of New Mexico

Not having paper large enough to include the whole territory upon a scale of 12 miles to the inch, I was compelled to have the map drawn in two sections, and for the convenience of transmission I forward the two sheets attached

I am respectfully your Obt. Svt
Wm A. Clark
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
July 9. 1867

Hon'l L. Upson
Surveyor General
San Francisco. Cal

Sir

Herewith enclosed please find papers relating to grants & claims to lands in Arizona marked respectively A. B. C. D. E. F.; and Plat of Pimo Indian reserve marked G; also blank duplicate receipts for the same - which please sign and return

The enclosed with the package transmitted with my letter dated May 28th embrace all of the records and papers in this office belonging to the Surveying service in Arizona

I am respectfully your Obt. Svt.

John A Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
July 13. 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr. of the Genral Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your copy of the "Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the year 1866"

I am respectfully your obt. Servt.
John A. Clark Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 16, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.—

I have to acknowledge the receipt on the 14th instant of your letter of the 22nd ultimo.

In accordance with your instructions I have estimated the cost of examining the 3rd Correction Line South, along the south boundary of Townships 15 South, ranges 12, 13 and 14 east, and of taking and marking witness trees to corners thereon; and transmit herewith Mr. Fellows' account with the amount so estimated deducted.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 16, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a printed copy of the laws enacted at the second session of the thirty-ninth Congress.

Very respectfully your obt. servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 22, 1867.

Mr. Robert B. Willson,
Deputy Surveyor.

Sir:— In the execution of the surveys under your contract with this office dated June 3, 1867, you will be governed strictly by the general instructions contained in the "Manual of Surveying Instructions to regulate the Field Operations of Deputy Surveyors," of 1855, and the addition thereto of June 1, 1864, a printed copy of which is herewith furnished you.

It is desirable that marked stones instead of posts be used in the perpetuation of corners.

You are reminded that the general instructions require, in all cases where stones are not used, that posts of the size and marked as therein prescribed shall be planted at each corner, and that the fact be noted in your fieldnotes, and also that the planting of a corner-stone or building of a mound of earth or stones does not in any case do away with the obligation to take and mark witness or bearing trees to corners to be established by you.

When there are no trees or a less number than the instructions require within the prescribed distance of a corner, you will be careful to note the fact, except when the corner shall fall in the prairie, which must also appear from your fieldnotes.

In addition to the objects and data required to be noted by the printed Manual of Surveying Instructions on pages 17 and 18, you are required to describe in your fieldnotes the agricultural lands, and to re-

present the same on the township plats to be returned with your fieldnotes by the designation of "Agricultural Lands." This is made necessary to enable the Department to give effect to the eleventh section of the act of Congress approved July 26, 1866.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
July 22, 1867.

A. C. Fellows, Esq., Deputy Surveyor.

Sir:- I hand you herewith a copy of the "Manual of Surveying Instructions to regulate the Field Operations of Deputy Surveyors," of 1855, and the addition thereto of June 1, 1864, by which, with the following instructions, you will be strictly governed in the execution of the surveys under your contract with this office of June 3, 1867.

In the perpetuation of corners you are expected to use marked stones instead of posts, where they can be had of the prescribed size.

The exterior lines of townships south of the second correction line will be traced upon that line and run south and west respectively, commencing at the corner to townships 10 south ranges 17 & 18 east. Subdivisional north and south lines between sections south of and adjoining said correction line will be run north on a random and a true line south from the proper section corner; and in all cases the corner on said correction line, thus made the starting point or closing corner, will be marked and bearing trees taken for the proper sections and township south of the line.

I have to call your attention to the following requirements of the general instructions in relation to the perpetuation of corners:- 1st.- When stones of the prescribed size are not used for corner posts mark, in all cases, be marked and planted, and the fact noted in your fieldnotes. 2nd.- The planting of a corner stone or the building a mound of earth or stones does not in any case do away with the obligation to take and mark witness or bearing trees to corners. 3rd.- Where there are no trees or a less number than are required by the instructions, within three chains of any corner, the fact should be noted, except when the fieldnotes show the line or corner to be in a prairie.

To enable the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 26, 1866, you will carefully describe in your fieldnotes - in addition to the objects and data required to be noted by the printed Manual of instructions on pages 17 and 18 - the agricultural lands, and represent the same on the township plats to be returned with your fieldnotes by the designation of "agricultural lands."

Respectfully your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe New Mexico
July 23. 1867

Hon'l R. W Taylor
First Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your information three contracts for surveying the Public Lands in this district viz:

No 29 with Robert B Willson dated June 3. 1867
" 30 " Hiram L Fellows " " " "
" 31 " Isaac L Stuck " " 11th "

I am respectfully your obt. Svt.
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 31, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.—I have the honor to enclose for settlement the account of Isaac C. Stuck for his services as Draughtsman in this office for the fractional quarter ending the 30th instant.

Very respectfully, your obt. servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 3, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:— I have the honor to forward herewith my Annual Report, bearing date the 19th ultimo, with accompanying statements attached marked from A to F inclusive.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 6, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 10th ultimo requesting certain information concerning the Pueblos and other Indians of New Mexico and Arizona.

In compliance therewith I have the honor to transmit herewith statement marked A, giving the names of the Pueblos of New Mexico, number of inhabitants in each, date of renewal or confirmation by Spain of their grants or claims to land, by whom made, the area of each of those surveyed, the estimated area of those not surveyed, their location, &c. Also, a map of New Mexico and Arizona, marked B, upon which I have designated approximately the territory claimed by the "wild" Indians as their hunting grounds, and the location of the Pueblos of Arizona as far as known.

The Pueblos of New Mexico were living in town when first discovered by the Spaniards. The testimony of the earliest explorers, Cabeza de Baca, Castañeda and Coronado, is conclusive upon this point. In 1680 they revolted against their Spanish oppressors, and, aided as may be supposed by the wild Indians, killed or drove them all out of the province. The reconquest was not complete until the year 1693; but in 1689 the Governor and Captain General, Domingo Jeronza Petris de Cruzate, issued from El Paso to each of the Pueblos, except Sandia (which was established since), a paper recognizing their claim to the lands occupied by them— in some cases granting them certain limits, in others simply admitting and conceding the limits claimed by the pueblo. Copies of the papers relating to the claims confirmed by Congress are on file in the General Land office— those relating to

thirteen of them were published with the Report of the Commissioner of 1856, pages 307 to 324 inclusive.

By a decree of Governor Tomas Velez Cachupin dated August 6, 1766, a grant was made to the pueblos of Jemez, Zia and Santa Ana, in common, of the lands between those pueblos and the Puerco river, viz: From north to south from the Ventana to the Stone Ford, eight leagues more or less, and from the pueblo of Zia west to the Puerco river, about six leagues. This grant has not been confirmed by Congress. The original papers were brought by the Indians of Zia to this office, and a copy taken and translation made and returned to the Indians. The lands embraced in the grant, as stated by the alcalde who was sent by the Governor to examine them, are only fit for pasture. This will add about 200,000 acres to the three pueblos above named.

The Surveyor General in his annual report of September 30, 1859, states that "the grant to the Indian Pueblo of Laguna, made by the Government of Spain on the 25th September, 1689, has been filed, examined and approved, and is herewith transmitted for confirmation." (See report of Commissioner of the General Landoffice 1859, page 129.) At the same time he transmitted for confirmation private claim, No 30, of the "Indians of Laguna." This last was confirmed as a private claim by its number; but the former, which is the original Pueblo claim, has never been confirmed. The claim no. 30 is for land purchased by the Indians outside of the original grant. I therefore suggest that the Pueblo claim as above — which should be designated by the letter **S** — be laid before Congress for confirmation.

There is no record in this office concerning the Pueblo of Zuñi; nor have I any information as to the extent of the claim to land of the Indians of that pueblo. I have seen their cultivated fields fifteen miles east and six miles west of the village, and have been told that they cultivate the land also for a considerable distance north and south of the town. Water for irrigating purposes is very scarce in that section, and with all their industry in a dry season they are unable to raise sufficient wheat, corn and beans for their sustenance.

For the geographical position of the Pueblo villages in New Mexico I respectfully refer you to the map of this district, made to accompany my annual report, transmitted with my letter of 6th ultimo. ...

The Pueblo Indians of New Mexico live entirely by agricultural pursuits. They have small flocks of sheep and goats and herds of cattle and horses, which they pasture upon that part of their lands unfit for cultivation. Their flocks are always attended by pastores, who drive them to the pastures in the morning and return them to the village for safety at night. The milk

of the ewes and goats furnishes no inconsiderable portion of their daily food. They profess the Roman Catholic religion, and are sober, industrious and virtuous. Under the Mexican Government they voted and held offices and enjoyed all the rights of citizenship—rights which have not heretofore been acknowledged by the United States.

Each village is a community by itself. The male inhabitants of the village on Christmas eve annually elect a governor, lieutenant governor, war captain, and subordinate officers, who order the internal affairs of the pueblo, the people obeying implicitly the officers of their choice.

For much valuable information concerning these Indians I refer you to the annual report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for 1864, pages 187 to 198 inclusive.

As a matter of interest connected with the Pueblo Indians and their status in the body politic I enclose herewith a copy of a recent decision of Hon. J. S. Slough, Chief Justice of this Territory, which it is probable will materially change the relation which they have heretofore sustained to the Government.

There is nothing in the archives of this office concerning the Pueblos of Arizona. They never belonged to New Mexico under the Spanish or Mexican governments. I suppose that whatever public records there may be relating to them are among the archives at the capital of Sonora, their country having been included in that State prior to our purchase of the territory from Mexico.

By the third and fourth sections of an act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department approved February 28, 1859, a reservation was authorized to be surveyed not exceeding one hundred square miles in extent on the Gila river, to include the Pima and Maricopa villages. The survey was made under authority of the Indian Bureau in 1859; and a map of the same was lately on file in this office, but was transmitted with other archives to the Surveyor General of California.

I visited the Pima Villages in the Spring of the year 1865. They have a large amount of excellent land, and raise a considerable surplus of wheat, which they sell to the Government, or to traders who grind it and supply the miners on the Hassayampa and Agua Fria with flour. Their houses are built of poles, in the shape of a half sphere, and covered, first with straw, then with dirt, with only one small opening, about three feet in hight, generally though not uniformly on the eastern side. They are a sober, industrious and virtuous people, but do not, like the Pueblos of New Mexico, profess christianity.

The Papago Indians, inhabiting the region south of the Gila between the Santa Cruz and Colorado rivers, are Pueblos; but I am not informed as to the character or extent of their cultivable lands, nor whether their towns are of the permanent character of the other Pueblos. They were attached to the ancient Jesuit missions of San Xavier and Tomacacori on the Santa Cruz, and were christianized. One of their villages is at San Xavier, and since the expulsion of the Jesuits from Mexico the Indians of this village have had charge of the beautiful church belonging to that mission.

Of the seven Moqui villages of Arizona I have little knowledge or information. So far as we know they are, in their government, habits and customs (except in their religion—they do not profess christianity), like the Pueblos of New Mexico. I have never heard that they have any written title to their lands, and suppose that they have not. It is a matter of very little consequence whether they have or not, for their irrigable lands are so limited in extent that it is said they always suffer for food when their crops fail on the temporales or lands dependent upon the seasons.

For the names and numbers of the Papago, Moqui and Pima and Maricopa Pueblos, you are respectfully referred to the report of the Commissioner of the General Land office for 1861, pages 125 and 126.

The Wild Indians.

The agent at Fort Sumner reports officially that on the 30th June last there were upon the reservation on the Pecos river seven thousand three hundred Navajos. They are held by the military as prisoners of war and fed by the Government. A farm of about three thousand acres has been opened under the direction of the military authorities, but I believe so far has not been very productive. The Indians cultivate considerable land on their own account. These Indians have some of the arts of civilization, and it is believed by those who know most concerning them that they were once Pueblos, but I am not aware that they have any tradition that such was ever their condition. They have flocks of sheep and goats, and manufacture a superior blanket and a coarse cloth with which they clothe themselves. They also cultivate successfully wheat, corn, beans, pumpkins, &c., and in their own country they had orchards of peaches and apricots. They build no permanent houses, but live in huts made of poles, covered with grass.

There is a remnant of this tribe still in the western part of the country formerly occupied by it. Their number is variously estimated at 500 to 2500 souls. These are considered hostile.

A band of the Utah tribe numbering 534, and of the Apaches (Jicarillas) numbering 913, live in the mountains east of the Rio Grande ranging south to within a few miles of Fort Union and north as far as Fort Garland. Their agency is on the Cimarron fifty miles north of Fort Union.

Two bands of Utahs numbering 1800 souls make their home in the mountains and mesas between the Rio Grande and San Juan river. Their agency is at Abiquiu. The above bands depend partly upon the chase and partly upon rations and presents from the Government for subsistence. They have been at peace with us for the past seven or eight years.

The Mescalero Apaches, numbering 525 souls, roam over a wide region, extending from the Rio Grande to the Pecos and from the mountains north of Fort Stanton south into Texas.

The Mimbres, White Mountain, Mogollon, Chiricahua, Pinaleño, Coyotero and Tonto Apaches, numbering together less than ten thousand souls, range over the country from the Rio Grande west to and including the upper waters of the San Francisco and Agua Fria rivers and extending south into Mexico. But few of these Indians live in New Mexico. Their villages or "rancherias" are chiefly north of the Gila river in Arizona.

The Apaches have been the scourge of northern Mexico for ages. Since the occupation of New Mexico and Arizona by our Government we have been at war with them, and as far without any very favorable result. They are adroit thieves, warlike, crafty, active and watchful, and, according to their numbers, the most troublesome Indians within the territory of the United States. Their manner of warfare is to send out small parties, rarely numbering fifty and generally not more than ten or twenty, to steal stock and to attack small or defenceless parties. The killing of our people is usually an incident of the stealing of stock, but not always. As a rule they take no risks they can avoid, and therefore seldom attack well armed parties except at great advantage both in numbers and position.

The Yavapais, Apache Mojaves, Mojaves and Walapais occupy that portion of Arizona north of the Gila river from the Colorado east to the Apache and Navajo country. I have no data upon which to found an estimate of their numbers. The Mojaves live entirely by the cultivation of the earth, and in many things resemble the Pimas. There are a few Pah-Utes north and west of the Colorado river in Arizona. I know nothing of their number.

All of the tribes of "wild" Indians of New Mexico and Arizona are nomadic in their habits and character. They have no permanent towns, but live in huts of the slightest and most temporary character — when they are stationary long enough to require them. The most of them raise some corn, beans, pumpkins, &c., and some of them wheat also: but only a small part of their necessary food is thus secured. The Apaches and the Colorado Indians depend for much of their food upon the spontaneous products of the country, viz: mescal, the fruits of the different varieties of the cactus, walnuts, acorns, mesquit beans, and even grass seeds. The chase of course furnishes to all of them a portion of their subsistence.

The Comanches claim as a part of their hunting grounds the Llano Estacado and the country on the Canadian as far west as about the 104th degree of longitude, but there is not a village or rancheria of those Indians within the limits of New Mexico. I have not, therefore, designated their "country" on the map.

I am respectfully

Your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,

Surveyor General

[Statement A on next page.]

A.

Indian Pueblos of New Mexico.

	Name of Pueblo	Inhabitants	Renewal of Grant or Confirmation of Title by Spain	Governor and Captain General by whom made.	Area—acres	Remarks.
G	Cochiti	229	September 25, 1689	Domingo Jeronza Petris de Cruzate	24,256.50	On right bank of Rio Grande.
K	Santa Clara	144	Title papers lost		17,368.52	do. do.
I	Taos	361	do do		17,360.55	Twelve miles east of Rio Grande.
D	Picuris	122	September 25, 1689	Domingo Jeronza Petris de Cruzate	17,460.69	On the Rio Picuris about ten miles east of Rio Grande.
L	Tesuque	101	Title papers lost		17,471.12	On the Tesuque creek six miles north of Santa Fé.
R	Nambé	94	do. do.		13,586.33	On the Nambé creek three miles east of Pojoaque.
N	Pojoaque	29	do. do.		13,520.38	On the Pojoaque creek fifteen miles north of Santa Fé.
C	San Juan	385	September 25, 1689	Domingo Jeronza Petris de Cruzate	17,544.77	On left bank of Rio Grande
M	San Ildefonso	161	Title papers lost		17,292.64	do. do.
A	Jemez	346	September 20, 1689	Domingo Jeronza Petris de Cruzate	17,570.45	On Jemez river west of Rio Grande.
O	Zia	103	Title papers lost		17,574.63	do. do.
F	Pecos	9	September 25, 1689	Domingo Jeronza Petris de Cruzate	18,763.33	On Pecos river twenty-five miles east of Santa Fé.
P	Sandia	197	April 5, 1748	Joaquin Codallos y Rabal	24,787.29	On left bank of Rio Grande
H	Santo Domingo	604	September 20, 1689	Domingo Jeronza Petris de Cruzate	74,743.11	do. do.
E	San Felipe	427	do. do.	do.	34,766.86	On right bank of Rio Grande
Q	Isleta	786	Title papers lost		110,080.31	do. do.
T	Santa Ana	298	do. do		*17,360 00	On Jemez river west of Rio Grande
S	Laguna	988	September 25, 1689	Domingo Jeronza Petris de Cruzate	*100,000. 00	On San Jose river 50 miles west of Rio Grande
B	Acoma	491	September 20, 1689	do	*200,000. 00	Eight miles Southwest of Laguna
	Zuñi	1200	No papers filed.			One hundred and fifty miles west of Alburquerque.

*Estimated.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 6, 1867.

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
August 13. 1867

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 9th inst. of your letter of 25th ultimo with indorsement, and by the same mail, of a package containing three sheets of Drawing paper.

The County boundaries are not laid down upon the map of New Mexico, transmitted with my letter of 9th ult. for the reasons briefly stated in my letter of 24th June. I have no means of determining the geographical position of many of the points named in the laws as boundaries of Counties, and as I could not lay them down with precision, I thought it better to report, than to mislead by drawing lines which might be miles out of the way. Since the receipt of your letter, I have called to my assistance several persons familiar with the geographical features of the country, and have delineated with as much accuracy as possible the County boundaries upon a map of the Territory, which I enclose herewith.

That you may judge of the impossibility of arriving at anything like certainty in the matter, without an actual survey, I enclose also herewith a copy of a portion of the laws establishing the Counties, giving the early and boundaries

Respecting mining districts, I have to state that there is a Statute of the Territory which regulates the manner of taking up and holding mining claims, and that prior to the passage of the law there were no organized mining districts in the Territory. This Statute is still in force. As the Territorial laws are of general application, I do not regard the designation of

of certain Districts, and the adoption by a few persons of a code of laws to be observed within them, of of any validity in so far as they shall conflict with the Statutes. I have heard of but three "mining Districts" in New Mexico, viz: one at Pinos Altos, one at the head of the Cimarron, and one at the Placers South of Santa Fé, and am informed that the miners rely upon the National laws for protection, or rule within as within those Districts. I have been unable to procure the boundaries of either of the Districts

The Map, in its details, was not as artistically drawn or finished, but when completed it was too late to prepare another to reach you by the 1st inst.; I shall therefore have transmitted it, if it has been more defective in style and finish than you found it

To more fully carry out your instructions, I have written to Mr. John Lambert, now at Fort Union, requesting him to come immediately to Santa Fé and prepare a map after the pattern sent. He is reputed to be an accomplished surveyor and draughtsman and will I trust, if he accedes to my request, construct a map which will be acceptable and satisfactory, but I fear it cannot reach you in time for your annual report, which I regret

I am respectfully your obt. Servt.

John A Clark

Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
July 20, 1867.

Isaac L. Struck, Esq.,
Deputy Surveyor.

Sir. – In the execution of the surveys under your contract with this office dated June 11, 1867, you will be governed strictly by the instructions contained in the "manual of instructions" and the addition thereto (of June 1, 1864), a copy of which has been furnished you by this office. In addition you are required to note in your fieldnotes the agricultural lands as distinguished from mineral lands, and to designate the same as "Agricultural Lands" upon the township plats to be returned by you with your fieldnotes of surveys.

Respectfully your obt. servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Gennals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
August 15. 1867

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr. of the Genral Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of your letter of 31st ultimo, requesting "a tabular statement of the Pueblos and Private Grants in New Mexico, showing the designation by number or letter, name, conformee, by what laws confirmed and area", and have the honor to inclose herewith the statement required. [See next page.]

I notice also your instructions regarding the new survey of this district, and will see that they are complied with

I am respectfully your obt. Svt
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Statement

Of Confirmed Indian Pueblo Grants and Private Land Claims in New Mexico.

Pueblo Grants

Designation.	Name.	Confirmee	Under act of	Area—acres.
A	Jemez	Inhabitants of the Pueblo	December 22, 1858	17,510.45
B	Acoma	do. do.	do.	Not Surveyed
C	San Juan	do. do.	do.	17,544.77
D	Picuris	do do.	do	17,460.69
E	San Felipe	do. do.	do.	34,766.86
F	Pecos	do. do.	do.	18,763.33
G	Cochiti	do. do.	do.	24,256.50
H	Santo Domingo	do do.	do	74,743.11
I	Taos	do. do.	do.	17,360.55
K	Santa Clara	do. do.	do.	17,368.52
L	Tesuque	do. do.	do.	17,471.12
M	San Ildefonso	do. do.	do.	17,292.64
N	Pojoaque	do. do.	do.	13,520.38
O	Zia	do. do.	do.	17,514.63
P	Sandia	do. do.	do	24,187.29
Q	Isleta	do. do.	do.	110,080.31
R	Nambé	do. do.	do.	13,586.33

Private Land Claims.

1	San Juan Bautista del Ojito del Rio de las Gallinas	Preston Beck, jr.	June 21, 1860	318,699.72
2	Town of Tomé	Inhabitants of the town	December 22, 1858	121,594.53
3	Tierra Amarilla	Francisco Martinez et al	June 21, 1860	Not Surveyed
*5	Town of Casa Colorada	Inhabitants of the town	December 22, 1858	" "
6	Brazito	Legal representatives of Juan Antonio Garcia	June 21, 1860	" "
7	Town of Tecolote	Inhabitants of the town	December 22, 1858	21,636.83
8	Los Trigos	Legal representatives of Francisco Trujillo, Diego Padilla and Bartolomé Marquez	June 21, 1860	12,545.66
9	Santa de los Rios	John Scolly, Guillermo Smith, Greg. Trujillo, Agustin Duran, Santiago Giddings & Franco. Romero	do.	Not Surveyed
10	Nuestra Señora de los Luez	John Lamy, Bishop of New Mexico	do.	16,546.85
11	Town of Chilili	Inhabitants of the town	December 22, 1858	38,435.14
12	Agua Negra	Antonio Sandoval	June 21, 1860.	Not Surveyed
13	Town of Belen	Inhabitants of the town	December 22, 1858	194,663.75
14	San Pedro	Jose Serafin Ramirez	June 21, 1860	35,911.63

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16		Charles Beaubien and Guadalupe Miranda	June 21, 1860	Not surveyed	
18	Cañon de Pecos	Jose Leandro Perea	do.	"	"
†16	Rancho of the Pueblo of San Cristoval	Legal reps. of Juan Esteban Pino and legal reps. of Franc°. Ortiz, jr., and Juan de Aguilar	do.	"	"
20	Town of Las Vegas	E. W. Eaton, assignee and legal representative of Domingo Perea Dez, and others	do.	27,854.06	
‡	Location No. 1	Inhabitants of the town	do.	496,446.96	
‡	Location No. 2	Heirs of Luis Maria Cabeza de Baca in lieu of "Las Vegas Grandes"	do.	Not surveyed	
21	Town of Tajiguee	do. do.	do.	99,289.39	
22	Town of Tomeon	Inhabitants of the town	do.	Not surveyed	
23	Town of Manzano	do. do.	do.	"	"
24	San Isidro	do. do.	do.	"	"
25	Town of Cañon de San Diego	Legal representatives of Antonio Armenta and Salvador Sandoval	do.	"	"
27	Town of Las Trampas	Inhabitants of the town	do.	"	"
28		do. do.	do.	"	"
29	Town of Anton Chico	Legal representatives of Sebastian Martin	do.	"	"
30	Rancho of Paguate, Rancho of El Rito, Gigante Cañon, and Ranchs of San Juan and Santa Ana	Inhabitants of the town	do.	389,662.72	
31		Indians of the Pueblo of Laguna	do.	Not surveyed	
32	Town of Mora	Legal representatives of Vicente Duran y Arrijo	do.	"	"
33	Valverde and Fray Cristoval	Inhabitants of the town	do.	"	"
34		Heirs of Pedro Armendaris	do.	"	"
35	Bosque del Apache	do. do.	do.	"	"
36	Town of Chamita	Antonio Sandoval	do.	"	"
37	Town of Tejon	Inhabitants of the town	do.	"	"
38		do. do.	do.	"	"
43	Ortiz Mine	Legal representatives of Pedro Sanchez	do.	"	"
		Elisha Whittlesey, Abraham Rencher, Fern°. W. Risque, Nath. M. Miller, Jos. T. Walker's representatives, Charles E. Sherman and Andrew J. O'Bannon	March 1, 1861	69,458.33	
70	Cañon del Agua	Jose Serafin Ramirez	June 12, 1866	3,501.21	

* The claim of Casa Colorada is numbered 29 in the act of confirmation, but in the corrected list of private claims (see Letter of Surveyor General of January 12, 1858) is numbered as above.

† The claim of E. W. Eaton is numbered 16 in the act of confirmation, but should have been numbered 19: it seems to have been accidentally omitted in the corrected list.

‡ The heirs of Luis Maria Cabeza de Baca by the act of June 21, 1860, were granted in lieu of "Las Vegas Grandes," which they claimed, the same amount of land contained in the Las Vegas town grant, to be located by them in square bodies not exceeding five in number. The heirs of Baca have located said grant in five square bodies, viz: Nos. 1 and 2 in New Mexico, Nos. 3 and 5 in Arizona and No. 4 in Colorado.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 15, 1867.

John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
September 7. 1867

Gentlemen

Your application of this date for the survey, in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 26. 1866, of the mine or vein known as the Santa Rita del Cobre, situated in T. 17 South R. 12 West, in this district, is received

If no adverse claim to said mine is filed, a survey will be ordered by this office upon receipt of the necessary data, and of duplicate certificates of a U.S. designated depositary or U.S. Assistant Treasurer, that the estimated cost of the survey Platting and notes has been deposited therein in favor of the U.S. Treasurer, to the credit of the fund created by "individual deposites for the surveys of the public lands"; and of satisfactory proof that you have complied in other respects with the provisions of the act of Congress above referred to

From the data before me my estimate of the cost of survey Plat &c is seventy five dollars

I am respectfully your Obt Svt
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Genl Robt B Mitchell
Col. W. W Eaton
Capt. Jno Pratt & others
Santa Fe N.M.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
September 10. 1867

Mr. R. B. Willison
Deputy Surveyor
Fort Stanton N.M.

Sir

I received on the 4th inst. your letter of 26th ultimo, and also two books containing the

field notes of the subdivision of Township 11 S. Ranges 13 & 14 East, with the diagrams of said Townships

Your account will be forwarded as requested, as soon as copies of the notes and plats can be prepared to accompany it.

Be particular in acquiring the officer to affix his jurat or certificate to each affidavit of yourself & assistants verifying your field notes

Respectfully yours &c
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
September 17, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.— I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of the field notes of the subdivisions of Township 11 South Ranges 13 and 14 East, Surveyed by Robert R. Willson, Deputy Surveyor, under his contract with this office, No. 29, dated June 3, 1867, together with his approved account for said Surveys. The plats of said townships will be forwarded at an early day

I am respectfully your obt. servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
September 19. 1867

Hon L Upton
Surveyor General
San Francisco Cal.

Sir

By direction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, I transmitted by mail to you address on 28th May last, the original field notes of Surveys in Arizona executed by W. H. Pierce Deputy Surv., with plat of the same, and copy of part of letter instructions from the

Commr. to this office dated September 11. 1866; and on the 9th July a package of papers marked A. B. C. D. E. F., relating to grants and claims to lands in Arizona, and also plat of the Pima Indian reservation, marked G.

Having received no acknowledgement of their receipt by you, I write to inquire whether they have been received, and if they have to request that you will fill up and sign the blank receipts enclosed with the packages - and return the same to this office at your earliest convenience.

I am very respectfully
Your obdt. svt.
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
September 24. 1867

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr. of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have to request that you will send me for the use of this office "N. J. Reeder's map of "the U.S. Territories, Pacific R.R. Routes, Mineral Lands "and Indian Reservations. 1867 - made by authority "of Hon. O.H. Browning, Secretary of the Interior" scale 36 miles to an inch

I am very respectfully
Your Obdt. Svt
John A. Clark
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Genrals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
September 25. 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr of the Genrml Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have taken a lease of a building for the Surveyor Genrals Office, from Luis Gold, for one year from 1st October prox. at a rental of four hundred dollars, payable quarterly. The building is of adobe, one story, entirely isolated, and as secure from fire as a building not entirely fire proof can be made. It stands about three hundred yards South West from the Plaza, & is thus removed from the business centre - which is an objection to it, but I could find no rooms for rent near the business part of the town having the same advantage of light and security.

Hoping my action in this matter will meet with the approval of your office

I am very respectfully your Obt Servt
John A. Clark
Surveyor Genral

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
September 30, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir. - I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the approved salary and incidental expenses accounts of this office for the quarter ending today.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
October 5, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.— I have the honor to transmit herewith plats of the following townships, viz: Township 11 South Range 13 East, Township 11 South Range 14 East.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November 4, 1867.

Messrs. Witter & Clements,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen.— I received this morning your letter of inquiry of 20th ultimo; and in reply have to state that by the act of 24th May, 1858, the jurisdiction of this office in the matter of donation and preëmption claims (conferred by the act of July 22, 1854) was transferred to the Register and Receiver of the Landoffice created by that act.

I am not aware of the repeal or modification— except as above— of the second and third sections of the act of July 22, 1854; and therefore am of opinion that the two classes of persons mentioned therein have the right to enter 160 acres of land— including their improvements— by complying with the provisions of the act, and that this right is not affected by the changes made in the Territorial limits of New Mexico!

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
November 7. 1867

Isaac L. Slinck Esq
Deputy Surveyor
Rio Arriba N.M.

Sir

I received yesterday your letter of 28th ult. making suggestions relative to extension of subdivisional lines in Township 18 S. Ranges 12 & 13 W.

The surveys now in progress, and those contemplated in other portions of the District, will consume the entire appropriation for surveys at the disposal of this office during the current fiscal year. I therefore cannot make the survey suggested

Should the settlers in the townships above mentioned make application to this office for the survey of the same, and deposit with the U.S. Designated Depositary at Santa Fe the estimated cost of survey and office work (which will be furnished by this office) in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress approved May 30 1862, a survey will be ordered of the townships at once

Respectfully your obt. svnt
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
November 12. 1867

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Comm of the Genral Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

In order to facilitate the work in this office and to enable you to forward promptly with the Deputy Surveyors accounts the plats of surveys, I have employed temporarily as assistant draughtsman Capt N. De Forest his compensation to be at the rate of fifteen hundred

dollars per annum

I am respectfully your obt. Svt
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor Genrals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
November 30. 1867

L. Upson Esqr
Surveyor General
San Francisco Cal.
Sir

I am yet without acknowledgment of receipt by you of the the following letters and packages mailed by me to your address viz:

Letter of 28th May last covering original field notes of surveys in Arizona, and copy of part of letter of instructions from the Comm: of the Genral Land Office dated September 11. 1866.

A Package containing plat of above surveys.

Letter of 9th July last covering package of papers marked a. B. C. D. E &. relating to grants and claims to lands in Arizona, and plat of Pima Indian reservation marked F. . . .

Letter of inquiry of 19th September last

If the above papers or any of them have been received, I have again to request that you will fill up and sign the blank receipt transmitted with the papers and return the same to this office. Please mail me a Salt Lake and Denver

Your letter to this Office may have been sent by the Southern route; if so, it is probable they will never reach this destination. The Indians having destroyed several mails on that route.

I am respectfully your obt Svt
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 10, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.—I have the honor to transmit herewith the new map of this district, drawn as directed by you in your letter of 25th July.

It has taken longer to prepare this map than I expected; but I hope it may still arrive in time to answer the purposes intended, and that you will find it in every respect satisfactory.

The county lines are delineated as correctly as possible with the data at command but without an actual survey—as I have heretofore informed you—they cannot be accurately laid down. It is probable that two new counties will be created in the southern part of the Territory, and the lines of some of the central and northern counties changed, during the present session of the Legislative Assembly.

I am respectfully your obt. servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 10, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.—I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the approved account of John Lambert, Draughtsman in this office.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
December 8. 1867

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

New map will leave here by mail 11th instant

By telegraph from Denver.

Wm A. Clark, Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 14th, 1867.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— Mr. Stuck, the only one of my deputy surveyors now in the field, (Messrs. Fellows and Willison having returned some weeks since,) is expected to report by the 20th instant, and I hope to complete the office work of all the surveys authorized during the season by the first of February next. & thereafter for a time there will be little requiring my presence here, I have to request leave of absence for ninety days.

I shall not avail myself of this leave—if granted—until the office work as above is fully completed; and therefore request that it shall commence to run on the day of my departure from Santa Fé.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
December 17. 1867

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement, the approved account of Hiram G. Fellows Deputy Surveyor, for the Survey of one hundred and twenty six miles, twenty eight chains and thirty one links, of exterior Township lines, amounting to fifteen hundred and sixteen dollars and ninety cents, and also a certified copy of the field notes & plat of said survey.

I am respectfully your obt. servt
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
December 29. 1867

Hon'l Joseph S. Wilson
Commr of the Genral Land Office
Washington D.C

Sir

I received this morning your letter of 14th instant, and in reply have to state that your telegram to Genl — dated 28th ultimo, was received by me about 9 O'clock P.M. on the 8th instant, and that it was immediately answered — the reply leaving here by mail to Genl on the morning of the 9th

In my letter accompanying the new map of New Mexico, I stated that the map had been longer in preparation than was anticipated — In its construction the field notes of surveys were examined and information from all other sources accessible was compiled that the lines of surveys might not only be correctly drawn, but also that the topography of the country included within, or under which attitude of the surveys might be laid down as accurately as possible This with some unavoidable interruptions will account for the delay which I very much regretted but could not obviate

I am very respectfully your Obt Servt
Robert A Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
December 31. 1867

Hon'l Joseph S. Wilson
Commr of the General Land Office
Washington D.C

Sir

The contract entered into by this office with Isaac C. Stark Deputy Surveyor, dated June 11. 1867 provides for the subdivision of Township 15. S. Range 5 W. and contains the following provision viz: "That if said contract

"mentioned township does not include the town and
"settlement on the Rio Polomas, then said Isaac L. Stuck
"agrees to survey and establish in lieu thereof or in
"addition thereto, the subdivisional lines of such portion
"of Township 15 South of Range 6 West on said Rio Polomas
"found to include said town and settlement"

Mr. Stuck reports that on examination upon the ground he found the stream noted in the survey of the line between Ranges 5 & 6 W. T. 15 S. as "Polomas River" is called by the people residing in the vicinity, the "Rio Perdido"; that there is no settlement in either of the townships named; that the Rio Polomas (named "Sienigas creek" in the notes of the survey of the line between townships 13 & 14 S. R 5 W) runs through T. 14 S. R. 5 W. and Fract. T. 14 S. R 4 W. — the lands along which, for six miles from its mouth, are cultivated by the people living in the Plaza of Rio Polomas in Fract. T 14 S. R 4 W.; and that, to carry out the spirit of his contract, he subdivided the last named township and fractional township instead of that mentioned in his contract

It was intended by this Office, that under his contract the township or townships including the settlements on the Rio Polomas should be surveyed and therefore his action in subdividing T. 14 S. R 5 W. and Fract. T 14 S. R 4 W. instead of T. 15 S. R. 6 W. is approved; but having no authority to relieve him of his obligation under his contract, or to substitute other work for that called for by its terms, I have suspended the whole matter until I shall receive your instructions

I inclose herewith a copy of Mr Stuck's letter accompanying his field notes

Under the circumstances I have to request that I be authorized to contract with Mr Stuck for the survey of T. 14 S. R 5 W and fractional T. 14 S. R 4 W, and to accept under such contract the notes now returned as a compliance therewith and also to discharge him from the obligation

to subdivide T15S R5W under his contract of June 11. 1867

I am respectfully your obt. Svt.
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
January 2d. 1868

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr. of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith approved salary, rent and incidental expense accounts for the quarter ending 31st ultimo

I am respectfully your Obt. Svt.
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 7, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir.—I have the honor to enclose herewith the Semiannual returns of property remaining in this office on 31st December, 1867.

It will be observed that the plain field compass is noted as having been stolen from the office. This compass was kept in a box in the general office, and has disappeared—when or how Mr. Miller, who has charge of the room, does not know, but believes it was stolen therefrom. Diligent search and inquiry has been made for it, but no trace has as yet been discovered.

I am respectfully
Your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
January 9. 1868

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr. of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the approved field notes of the subdivision of Townships 14 & 15 South Range 9 & 10 East & Townships 9 & 10 South of Range 16 East, and the account of Deputy Surveyor R. B. Williams for said Surveys; and also, in a separate package, a copy of the plats of said Townships

It will be observed that the survey of the lines between sections 30 & 31 Township 9 South, and between sections 6 & 7 Township 10 South Range 16 East, is not approved, and that said lines are excepted in the accompanying account. The line between Sections 31 & 6 Townships 9 & 10 South R. 16 E. is 82.70 chains in length. That between sections 30 & 31 T 9 S. is 80.82 chains & that between sections 6 & 7 is 80.34 chains. The line running South between sections 5 & 6 T 10 S. intersects the South boundary of the township 42 links West of the corner of Sections 31 & 32. The two lines excepted in the account do not thereforе close within the limits prescribed in the instructions, and I have withheld my approval as above until Mr. Williams shall by examination of the several lines on the ground account for the discrepancy and properly close the survey

I forward Plats of the two Townships - having blank the areas, and the aggregate mileage - that there may be no delay in the adjustment and payment of the account as approved

As soon as Mr. Williams report of his examination in the field and correction of the error in the survey as above is received, the Plats will be completed

and copies forwarded to your office; or it would be better that the two now forwarded be returned to this office and the additions and corrections made thereon and thus avoid the necessity of multiplying plats

I am respectfully your obt servt
John A Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
January 11. 1868.

Bvt. Col. Wm E. Merrill,
Lt. Corps Engrs
Colonel

I received this morning your letter of 30th ult. requesting copy of my latest map of New Mexico with tracings of all surveys made since

A new map prepared by this office is now being published, to accompany the annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, a copy of which when received it will give me pleasure to send you — You can however secure a copy much earlier by applying directly to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, who if requested would no doubt send you one as soon as published

I have not a single copy left of former maps — except the necessary for the use of this office

The map now being published as above, is drawn upon a scale of twelve miles to the inch, is very full, and as perfect in detail as it was possible to make it with the data at command of this office

I am respectfully your obt. Servt.
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
January 11. 1868

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson

Comm'r of the Genl Land Office
Washington DC

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter of 28th ultimo, granting me leave of absence from this Office for thirty days, commencing February 1. 1868.

As I may not be able to arrange the business of the office as to render it proper for me to leave here on the first of February, I have to request that you will direct that my leave of absence shall commence to run from the day of my departure from Santa Fe.

I am respectfully your ob't Serv't
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
January 23. 1868

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Comm'r of the Genl Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

In compliance with your instructions I transmitted to L. Upson Esq. Surveyor General of California on the 28th of May last with letter of that date the original field notes and plats of Surveys in Arizona with copy of part of your letter of instructions of 11th September 1866. On the 9th July last I mailed to his address a letter covering package of papers relating to grants and claims to lands in Arizona and the Plat of the Pima Indian Reservation

Receiving no acknowledgment of the receipt of either of the above letters or packages, on the 19th September last I wrote the Surveyor General advising him of the transmission of the field notes, plats and documents as above, and requesting an acknowledgment, if they had been received, and if not received

that he would advise me — On the 30th November, having received no communication from Mr. Wilson in answer to either of the above I again wrote him making substantially the same request, but am still without any advice or acknowledgment from him

If the documents were received, the Surveyor General may have communicated the fact to your office. Please inform me whether this he has done so. If he has not I have to request that you will require him to forward to this office duplicate receipts for the notes, plats and documents sent him (if they have been received) as above

I am respectfully your obt. Svt.
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
January 28, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith certified copy of the approved field notes of the subdivision of Townships 10 & 11 S. Ranges 17 & 24 East, and of Township 11 S. Ranges 22 & 23 East, with the account of Miram C. Fellows, Deputy Surveyor, for said surveys, and also — in a separate package — copy of the plats of said townships.

I am respectfully your obt servt
John A. Clark
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 1, 1868.

Hon Joseph S. Wilson,
Commr of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herewith for your official a contract with Robert B. Willison

Deputy Surveyor for the survey of forty two miles of exterior township lines, three miles and fifteen chains of 2d correction line South, and for the subdivision of six townships.

The townships included in this contract embrace a considerable body of irrigable land along the Hondo and Pecos rivers, and there are settlements reported in each of them.

I am respectfully your obt servt

John A. Clark

Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 1, 1868.

Hon. R. W. Taylor,
First Comptroller of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your information a contract with Isaac L. Stuck Deputy Surveyor, for surveying the public lands in this district, entered into under instructions from the Commissioner of the Genral Land Office, dated January 17, 1868.

I am respectfully Your obt servt

John A Clark

Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 1, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commr of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find certified copy of the field notes of the North and East boundaries of Townships 18. 19. 20. S. R 10 W. and of the subdivision of Townships 16 & 17 R 13 W, T 17 S. R 12 W, T 20 S, R 11 W and Townships 18. 19. 20 S. R 10 W, with the account of Deputy Surveyor Isaac L. Stuck for said surveys - also the contract for the survey of Township 14 S Ranges 4 & 5 W - this day entered into (since first time) under your instructions dated January 17. 1868 - and copy of the field notes of the survey of said township, with Mr Stuck's account for said surveys) also, in a seperate package, plats of all of said surveys.

I am respectfully Your obt servt.

John A. Clark

Surveyor General.

Surveyor Genl's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 3, 1868,

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr of the Genl Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Inclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit for settlement the salary accounts of Robert B Willison and Isaac C Steck, temporarily employed in this office as assistant draughtsmen as stated in their respective accounts.

I am respectfully Your obt servt
John A. Clark
Surveyor General

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 2, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commr of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Availing myself of the leave of absence granted by your letter of 28th December last, I expect to leave here tomorrow morning for Freeport, Illinois. During my absence Mr David J. Miller, Translator, will remain in charge of this office.

I am very respectfully Your obt servt
John A. Clark
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 1, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter of Isaac C. Steck, deputy surveyor, claiming payment for running the line between Sections 6 and 7

T. 14 S. R. 5 W., and for meanders the line between fractions 13 & 14 North range 4 West, along the north boundary of sections 3 and 4. (See copy of field notes transmitted with my letter of this date)

I have not approved the survey of the line between sections 6 and 7 T. 14 S. R. 5 W. for the same reason assigned in my letter of January 9, 1868, for not approving certain surveys of R. B. Williams, deputy surveyor, viz: That the survey does not close within the limits prescribed in the instructions, the line between sections 6 and 7 being 79.98 chains in length, the north boundary of section 6 82.24 chains, and the east boundary giving 42 links east of the corner of sections 5, 6, 31 & 32.

Mr. Stuck claims that there is no limit prescribed within which lines running west between the western tier of sections and north between the sections bordering on the north boundary of the Township shall close, and that therefore, there being no other objection, the survey as returned should be taken as correct.

If my decision as above is not in accordance with the ruling of the Department in similar cases, I beg to be set right, that I may do no injustice to deputy surveyors.

I have not required Mr. Stuck to return to the field to correct the error in this line or test the accuracy of the measurement of the fractional line. The survey is distant from Santa Fe about two hundred and fifty miles, a portion of the way through a dangerous Indian country.

I am very respectfully your obedt. servt.

John F. Clark,
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
February 1, 1868

R. B. Williams, Esq., Deputy Surveyor.

Sir:-

In the execution of the surveys under your contract with this office of this date, you will be governed strictly by the general instructions contained in the "Manual of Surveying Instructions to regulate the Field Operations of Deputy Surveyors" of 1855, the addition thereto of June 1, 1864, (a printed copy of which is herewith furnished you) and the special instructions herein.

The range line between Township 12 E. ranges 21 & 22, 22 & 23, 23 & 24 east, and of T. 11 E. R. 25 & 26 E. will be run South from the several township corners. The subdivisional lines closing on the second

correction line will be run north on a random and a true line south from the proper section corner which corners, as also the township corners as above on said line, you will mark and take and mark bearing or witness trees for the sections and townships south of the same.

Your attention is called to the following copy of part of the letter of special instructions to you from this office of July 22, 1867, which you will also observe in the execution of the surveys under your contract.—

[See paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 said letter, pr. 54 of this book.]

Your attention is also specially called to the clause in the printed instructions, page 11, relating to posts in mounds.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
February 1, 1868.

Hon. R. W. Taylor,
First Comptroller of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— I have the honor to enclose herewith, for your information, a contract of this date, entered into by this office with Robert B. Millikin, deputy Surveyor, for the survey of certain public lands in this district.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark, Surveyor General.

Freeport, Illinois, March 31, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:—

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement my account for services as Surveyor General of New Mexico for the quarter this day.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surv. Gen. N. M.

Washington, D. C., April 16, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.— I have the honor to enclose herewith for settlement approved account for office rent and for salary of Draughtsman in the office of Surveyor General of New Mexico for the quarter ending March 31, 1868.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General of New Mexico

Washington, D. C., April 17, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir.— I have to request that two hundred blank township plats be forwarded to the office of the Surveyor General of New Mexico for the use of that office.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 12, 1868.

Sir.—

In the absence of Surveyor General Clark I acknowledge the receipt at the office yesterday of the two hundred blank township plats forwarded with your letter of the 18th ultimo, in which letter you direct the office to advise you whenever the blanks should come to hand. Twenty-six of the lot were injured and rendered useless, however, in the mailbags.

I am, most respectfully, ...
Your obedient servant,
Dav. J. Miller,
Clerk in charge.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D. C.

Freeport, Illinois, May 25, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir ~ Inclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit for payment the account of Messrs. Bidwell & Farwell, amounting to one hundred and thirty-two 5/100 Dollars, for stationery purchased of them for the use of the Surveyor General's office at Santa Fé, N. M. Please direct that Treasury warrant be issued and forwarded to them as requested

I am respectfully your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,
Surveyor General of New Mexico.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 13, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir. ~ I have the honor to transmit herewith certified plats of the subdivision of townships 9 and 10 South of range 16 each, and also approved account of Robert B. Willison amounting to one thousand two hundred dollars and seventy-five and a half cents for said surveys.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,

John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 16, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir. ~ I have the honor to transmit herewith for payment the salary account of D. Miller and incidental expenses account for the quarter ending March 31, 1868. Also Dep. Sur. Isaac C. Stucki's account for surveys not included in the approved account forwarded with my letter of Feb. 1, 1868.

I am respectfully your obedient servant.

John A. Clark, Surveyor-General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
June 17, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:— In compliance with your letter of 29th April, 1868, I have the honor to submit herewith my estimates for the surveying service in this district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1870, as follows, viz:—

On Salary Account.

For salary of the Surveyor General	$ 3000
" " " Translator (who is also chief clerk)	2000
" " " Draughtsman	1800
" " " Copying Clerk	1400

On Incidental Expense Account.

For rent of office, fuel, stationery, &c.	$ 1200

On Surveying Account.

For public surveys: continuing the survey of Base, Meridian, Township and subdivisional lines	$ 30,264

You are respectfully referred to the enclosed statement of proposed surveys in this district in explanation of above estimate.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Proposed Surveys
In the Territory of New Mexico for the year ending June 30, 1870.

On and near the Gila river.

Fourth Correction line South, west 42 miles @ $15	$ 630
Third Correction line South, west 48 miles @ $15	720
Township boundaries, viz: Townships 15 to 20 South Ranges 14 to 21 West inclusive, 534 miles @ $12	6408
Subdivision of 8 townships to include settlements on Gila river	4800

Pecos river.

Second Guide Meridian, south along Townships 8, 7, 6 and 5 North,
24 miles @ $15 360
First Correction line North, east 18 miles @ $15 270
Exterior lines of Townships 5, 6, 7 and 8 North Ranges 20, 21 and 22 East,
126 miles @ $12 1512
Subdivision of 5 townships to include settlements on Pecos river 3000

San Juan river.

Principal Meridian from corner to Townships 16 and 17 North, north 90 miles @ $15 ... 1350
Seventh Correction line North, west to corner to Township 29 North Ranges 14 and
15 West, 82½ miles @ $15 1260
Exterior lines of 15 townships, 207½ miles @ $12 2448

Colorado or Canadian river

Exterior lines of Townships 13 and 14 North Ranges 34, 35 and 36
East, 78 miles @ $12 936
Subdivision of same townships 3600
Line between Ranges 24 and 25 East Townships 16 to 31 inclusive,
90 miles @ $12 1080
Exterior lines of Townships 16 to 24 and of Townships 29 and 30 North
Range 25 East, 120 miles @ $12 1440
Fourth Correction line North through Ranges 23, 24 and 25 East
Fifth Correction line North through Range 25 East } 30 miles @ $15 450
Seventh Correction line North through Range 25 East

$ 30,264

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 22, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this morning of your circular letter of instructions dated May 16. 1868.

I am very respectfully, Your obt servt

John A. Clark
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 25, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir.—

In answer to your letter of March 18, 1868, requesting information as to the extent of the "barrens" or "desert" lands in this district, the means of irrigating and reclaiming them, &., I have to state that, properly so called, there are neither barren or desert lands to any great extent in New Mexico. The territory is properly divided between valleys which can be irrigated by the streams flowing through them, mesas or tablelands—under which designation I would class all the lands not mountain or irrigable valleys—and mountains. In a communication to your office dated August 15, 1866, I estimated the arable lands of this district at one million acres. The term "arable" was used as synonymous with "irrigable," as no lands can be cultivated here with any certainty of raising a crop without irrigation. There is a considerable rain fall during the months of July and August, but there is so little rain during April, May and June that without irrigation crops will ordinarily perish.

The method of irrigating is as follows: Ditches or canals are excavated and the water conveyed from the stream with just fall enough to preserve the full quantity or volume deemed necessary, and diverging from the stream as the surface of the land will permit, so as to include all the lands below, i.e. between the greatest elevation to which the ditch can be carried ~~along~~ along the track to be irrigated and the stream. The land is prepared for planting by laying it off in beds or lots averaging in size, according as the surface is level or otherwise, from a sixteenth part of an acre to two or three acres. Around each of these beds—which are required to be level or nearly so—there is raised a light embankment six or eight inches above the level, leaving a shallow ditch between, through which the water is drawn, and from which the land is flooded, to the depth of two or three inches, as often as required for the growth of the crop. The water being let through the embankment as above and the beds covered to the proper depth, the embankment is again closed and the water left to be absorbed by the soil. The small irrigating ditches above described communicate with the main ditch (acequia madre), but the water is only suffered to flow in them when needed for the irrigation of the lands which they divide or to which they lead.

To mature a crop of corn, wheat, barley or oats the land should be irrigated ordinarily once in ten to fourteen days, vegetables a little oftener; but during the months of July and August the rains supply much of the necessary moisture, so that irrigation during those months or a portion of them is often unnecessary. It may be proper to state that the amount of irrigable land is only limited by the amount of water in the stream — even the Rio Grande might all be used in the irrigation of the lands in its valley.

The water supplied by irrigation not only affords the necessary moisture for the growth of vegetation, but also enriches the soil by depositing the sedimentary matter held in solution; and thus lands in this vicinity which have been under annual cultivation for more than two hundred years, still produce excellent crops without ever having been manured or restored by other means.

It will be observed that to prepare land for planting and to cultivate it properly by means of irrigation requires very much more labor than where Providence sends the early and latter rain: but it has its advantages also. If the farmer has a never-failing stream of water with which to irrigate his land, his crops need not be cut short by drouth nor injured by excessive rains.

The mesas or tablelands include fully two-thirds and perhaps three quarters of the entire surface of New Mexico. The greater part of these lands produces excellent grass for pasturage, and, with irrigation and cultivation, would produce all of the cereals and vegetables equally well with the valleys; but for the most part they have so great an elevation above the streams that, if there were surplus water after irrigating the valleys, they could not be reached by irrigating canals. The only hope therefore of reclaiming the Tablelands of New Mexico is by means of artesian wells. The Government in 1858–59–60, under the direction of Captain (now Major General) John Pope — then of the Topographical Engineers — undertook to obtain water, by boring, at a point on the Llano Estacado near the Southeast corner of this Territory, and also on the mesa about 25 miles south from Santa Fé — but was unsuccessful in obtaining a flow of water to the surface. I have been unable to procure a copy of Captain Pope's report, but am informed it contains many interesting facts and well-considered theories upon the subject of reclaiming the waste lands of this and adjoining Territories. I suppose it may be found amongst the executive documents of 1860 or 1861, as Colonel J. J. Abert reports November 14, 1860, that Captain Pope was then engaged in making up his report. No other attempt has been made in New Mexico to obtain water by sinking artesian wells, and the question as to the practicability of obtaining water for irrigation by this means is yet to be decided. The soil upon the greater part of these tablelands, or plains as they are sometimes called, is good. The vegetable growth is grama grass of two or three varieties, the palmilla, amole or soapweed, many varieties of the cactus, and in places the artemesia. Scattering piñon and cedar and in the south a species of the live oak cover considerable districts, connecting generally with the forests of the mountains.

I have delineated approximately these mesas, tablelands or plains on the enclosed diagram, as requested. The division, however, of all the lands of the Territory

into three clases as above, viz: into valleys, mesas or tablelands and mountains, taking the map accompanying my last annual report as a guide, will give as much more correct idea of the extent of the uncultivable lands (without irrigation) of this district than the diagram enclosed.

I am respectfully your obidient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
June 27, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:— I have to acknowledge the receipt this morning of your circular-letter dated May 4, 1868.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
July 1, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the salary and incidental expense accounts of this office for the quarter ending June 30, 1868.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark, Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 16, 1868.

T. D. Wheaton, Esq,
Cimarron, N. M.

Dear Sir.— On my return yesterday from Sierra Grande I found your letter of 2nd instant requesting evidence of the confirmation of the Beaubien & Miranda grant. Enclosed herewith please find certified copy of the letter of the Surveyor General referred to in the act entitled "an act to confirm certain private land claims in the Territory of New Mexico," approved June 21, 1860, (See U.S. Statutes at Large vol. 12, pp. 71–72) also copy of the description of the boundaries contained in the original act of possession on file in this office.

Mr. Maxwell has a certified copy of all the papers filed with Beaubien's petition; also a copy of the depositions of witnesses, and of the Surveyor Generals report, which with the enclosed constitute all the evidence of title in this office.

Very truly yours,
John A. Clark.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 25, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir.— I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of the approved fieldnotes of the survey of three miles and fifteen chains of the second Correction line South, of the South, east and west boundaries of T. 12 S. R. 22 & 23 E., of the south and east boundaries of T. 11 S. R. 25 E., of the subdivision of T. 11 S. R. 18, 19, 21 & 25 E., and of T. 12 S. R. 22 & 23 E., and of the line between sections 4 and 9 of T. 11 S. R. 17 E., with the account of Robert B. Willcox, deputy surveyor, for said surveys; and also, in a separate package, the plats of said exterior lines and subdivisions.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 27, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:— I have to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of your letter of 2nd instant informing me that a copy of the fieldnotes of the Survey of the subdivisional lines of T. 9 & 10 S. R. 16 E. had not been received at your office, and directing that the same be transmitted, &c.

In reply I have to state that a copy of the fieldnotes of said surveys was transmitted with my letter of 9th January, 1868, the receipt of which was acknowledged in your letter of 11th February, 1868. The plats of said townships were returned to this office for completion with your letter of above date, but the copy of the fieldnotes was retained. A duplicate copy of the notes will of course be made out and transmitted if you require it.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 27, 1868.

Mr John A. Miller,
Central City, New Mexico.

Sir:— I received yesterday your letter of 14th inst., and in reply have to state that, whenever the public service shall require it, a "mineral surveyor" will be appointed by this office for the Pinos Altos mining district.

The qualifications required for such surveyor are that he shall be a competent and practical surveyor and possess sufficient mineralogical and geological knowledge to enable him to report fully on every lode he may survey.

The preliminary survey contemplated by the act of Congress entitled "an act granting the right of way to ditch and canal owners

over the publics lands and for other purposes," approved July 26, 1866, is not required to be made by the surveyor appointed by this office, but may be made by any one: so that there need be no delay in commencing proceedings to perfect your title to mines under the provisions of the law above referred to.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
July 29. 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr. of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.
Sir

No action whatever has yet been taken by this Office from the Surveyor General of California, of the receipt by him of the Arizona archives, transmitted under your instructions of March 29 1867, as stated in my letter from your Office of 25th January 1868

I have therefore to request that you will instruct the present Surveyor General of California to forward receipts as directed by you in your letter of 19th February 1868

I am respectfully your Obt. Servt.
John A. Clark Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
August 3. 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commr. of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt on the 2d instant of your letter of instructions of 20th ultimo

I am respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
John A. Clark Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 5, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office.

Sir:— I have the honor herewith to enclose the semiannual return of property belonging to the United States and remaining in this office June 30, 1868.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 8, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:— I have the honor to transmit my annual report with accompanying documents, and (in a separate package) diagrams E and F, referred to in said report.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 26, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:— Please find enclosed herewith receipts of the Register of the Land office at Santa Fé for twenty-four Township Plats and for Descriptive Notes of twenty-three townships.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 26, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir.—Enclosed herewith please find the approved accounts of A. H. Miller, Cyrus A. LeForrest, Ferdinand Dickert and William F. Hellen for services as Clerks in this office, and my accounts for salary and incidentals expenses for the fractional quarter ending the 25th instants. It became necessary to employ temporarily an assistant draughtsman, and also a copying clerk. Mr. Dickert was employed on 3rd instant as draughtsman and Mr. Hellen on 17th as copying clerk— their accounts are enclosed as above.

Very respectfully your obedients servants,
John A Clark,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 26, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:—Benjamin C. Cutler, Esq., today presented his bond, duly executed and approved, as Surveyor General of New Mexico; and thereupon, in compliance with your instructions of 31st July, I delivered to him all the books, papers, plats, documents, furniture, and other property of the United States pertaining to said office, and herewith transmit receipts for the same as directed.

I am respectfully your obedients servants,
John A. Clark,
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 29, 1868.

Sir.—

I have the honor to advise you that on the 26th instant I receipted to John A. Clark, my predecessor, for all the papers, books, furniture and other appurtenances of this office, and entered upon the discharge of my official duties; and I here enclose my bond and oath, together with the affidavits of my securities as to their sufficiency as such.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
Benjamin C. Cutler,
Surveyor General N. Mexico.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice,
Washington, D.C.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
August 31st 1868.

Genl. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C..

Sir,

On the 29th inst. I notified you officially that I had on the 26th of this month receipted to General John A. Clark my predecessor for all the books, papers, furniture &c appertaining to this office and at the same time I enclosed my Bond approved by John S. Watts Chief Justice of New Mexico, together with the affidavits of My securities as to their sufficiency as such. You will find by reference to the Records of your office that on the 25th of September 1867 Gen. Clark informed you that he had leased from Louis Gold of this place a House for the transaction of the public business connected with the Surveyor Generals office. The lease as you will find by reference to Gen. Clark's letter expires on the 1st of October. The building I find no fault with, but it is far removed from the business portion of Santa Fe, and many complaints are made by parties from a distance who come here on business connected with the office, on that account in winter or in rainy weather the road leading to the office is almost impassible and I respectfully ask authority from you to remove the Surveyor Generals office to a more convenient locality on the Plaza of Santa Fe, provided a suitable House can be procured at a reasonable rent.

I am Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
Benjamin C. Cutler,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office.
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
September 15th, 1868.

Hon. Joseph Wilson,
Commissioner of the Genl. Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for settlement five approved accounts of A. B. Magruder for services in this office as temporary Clerk, from the 1st to the 13th instant.

Very respectfully,
Your obdt. Servt.,
Ben. C. Cutler,
Surveyor Genl.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
October 2, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land-office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir— I have the honor herewith to enclose for settlement abstract, vouchers and incidental expense accounts of this office for the fractional fiscal quarter ending the 30th ultimo, together with a triplicate statement of the expenditures of the quarter,

I am respectfully your obedient servant

Ben. C. Cutler,
Surveyor Genl.

Surveyor Generals Office.
Santa Fé New Mexico,
October 8th. 1868.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your annual instructions to this office, forwarded for my information and government, under date of the 12th ultimo.

Very respectfully, your obdt. Servt.
Ben. C. Cutler.
Surveyor General.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington D.C.

[Telegram]

Santa Fé, New Mexico.
October 18, 1868.

Hon. Joseph S Wilson,
Commissioner, General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Surveyor General Benjamin C. Cutler, died here this morning. I remain in charge of the office and its appurtenances.

Dav. S. Miller, C.C.

Charges payable at Washington.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
Oct 31, 1868

Hon Joseph S. Wilson
Commissioner of the General Land office,
Washington D.C.

Sir:- I have the honor to inform you of the receipt at this office of the following from the General Land Office, addressed to but not acknowledged by Surveyor General Cutler before his decease on the 18th instant,

1.— Your letter of the 12th ultimo. Annual instructions for the information and government of the Surveyor General.

2.— Your letter of the 14th ultimo enclosing the Commission

of Surveyor General Benjamin C. Miller.

3.— Your letter of the 1st instant declining to allow the removal of the Surveyor General's office to another locality except on certain conditions.

4.— Your letter of the 1st instant enclosing copies of papers and order of the President concerning the Fort Marcy Military reservation in this city. And also the following received at the office since his death.

1— Your letter to the Surveyor General of the 9th instant enclosing copies of diagrams, field notes and Secretary of War's approval of the division of the Fort Union Military reservation on a portion of the same

2.— Your letter to me of the 20th instant enclosing copy of the President's order reserving public land for the said Fort Union Military and timber reservation.

3.— Two printed copies of the Annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for 1867.

I am very respectfully your ob't. servant

Dav'd. Miller.
Chief Clerk

Surveyor General's Office.
Santa Fé New Mexico,
November 19. 1868.

Colonel S. Francisco Chaves,
Los Pinos, New Mexico

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry whether there exists in this office the grant to a tract of land now belonging to S Bonifacio Chaves, situated on the west bank of the del Norte nearly opposite Alameda, I have to say that having searched the archive indexes of the office for the names of S. & B. Chaves and Pedro (illegible) Perea, in one or the other of which you say the grant was probably made, I can find nothing of any such grant.

I am respectfully your obedient, servant.

Dav'd. Miller,
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
November 2nd 1868.

Edwin L. Orn Esq.
Las Cruces, New Mexico,

Sir:-

In reply to your letter asking information concerning the true title of the town of Las Cruces and the situation of that place relative to the "Mexican grant known as the Doña Ana arroon &c," I have to say that there is no paper on file here purporting to be a grant to either of those settlements or the land they occupy.

I have looked over the records and archives of the office, however and selected therefrom and now forward you all the data concerning land in the Mesilla valley, as will enable you as fully as we can do so, to devise the information desired.

I find on file a certificate of Guadalupe Miranda furnished in 1863 to the Surveyor General at his request giving the history, the boundaries & extent and a list of settlers of the grant to the Colony of Doña Ana. Señor Miranda claims to have succeeded Ramon Ortiz as Mexican State commissioner for the distribution of the colony lands and to have acted also as commissioner of the national government of Mexico— and the accompanying extracts marked A and B are from his certificate as returned to. I enclose also a translated copy, marked D, of one of the land certificates issued by commissioner Ortiz, and also one, marked E, of those issued by commissioner Miranda, both of which there appear to exist a considerable number all of the same general description. The enclosure marked C is an extract from a letter from the Surveyor General ~~General~~ to the General Land office dated September 2, 1865, and the one marked F is from his annual report for 1868.

There is also on file here a document certified in 1865 by the Clerk of Doña Ana County to be a true and perfect transcript of the original certificate of the bearings, lines and landmarks of the colony of Mesilla by Lic. Guadalupe Miranda a commissioner authorized by the government of the State of Chihuahua to determine the limits and to divide and apportion the lands of said colony, of which document-a certain exclave (copy or extract of the

whole of the survey there described appears to be west of the river.

I find in the office a rough plat drawn in ink and pencil, with the following title:— "Mapa del Pueblo de Las Cruces de solares de casas y terrenos de labor concedido por el señor Prefecto del condado de Balencia Territo de Nv. Mco desde el año de 1848 en el mes de Noviembre Año del Señor habiendo sido facultado Dn. Ysidoro Armijo para hacer dicho reparto. Junio 8 de 1857;" showing the numbers, dimensions and owners of lots, and streets, roads and acequias of the town tract and purporting to embrace the land between the Altos de las Cruces, "the dividing line between Doña Ana and Las Cruces," on the north and the Barranco del Bracito on the south.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,

Dav. J. Miller,

Chief Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 9, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S Wilson,
Commissioner General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward accompanying the approved salary and incidental expense accounts created in this office during the fiscal quarter ending the 31st ultimo.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

Dav. J. Miller

Chief Clerk of the Office.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 4, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice.

Sir. ~ I have the honor to forward herewith the semiannual return of property belonging to the United States and remaining in this office December 31, 1868.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
Dav. J. Miller,
Chief Clerk of the Office.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 23, 1869.

Dear Sir:

I enclose a Treasury Warrant issued to the late Benjamin C. Cutler in payment of his salary as Surveyor General for the fractional quarter ending December 31, 1868 up to the date of his death October 18, inclusive, which warrant was at my request forwarded to this office for delivery to you as General Cutler's Administrator, and of which please acknowledge the receipt.

Respectfully Yours

David J. Miller
Chief Clerk

C. W. Kitchen Esq.
Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico, April 2, 1869.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to forward the approved salary and incidental expense accounts of this office for the Quarter ending the 31st ultimo.

Very respectfully your obedient servant
Dav. J. Miller
Chief Clerk of the office.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commissioner General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 15, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th ultimo giving instructions for the preparation of the annual estimates and the annual report of this office.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General of New Mexico.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 15, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor herewith to transmit duplicate receipts this day signed by me to the administrator of the estate of my predecessor, the late Benjamin C. Cutler, for property in this office belonging to the United States.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General New Mexico.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 17, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will allow me the use of the map last furnished by this office - viz: that of 1867 - to enable me to comply with your instructions of the 14th ultimo.

No copy was retained in this office for want of time, as I am informed. Data therein contained can be obtained in no other way, much of it having no other record.

In the meantime such progress will be made in preparing this Map for 1869 as the materials in this office furnish.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 18, 1869.

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 16th instant requesting an estimate of the expenses and an early survey of the Beaubien & Miranda grant.

The field work estimated at..... .....$4500
" " " Connections with the publics surveys..... 500
" Office " ..... 500 $5500.

So soon as you may make the preliminary deposit I will proceed to execute the survey and its connection with the public surveys.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

L. B. Maxwell, Esq.,
Cimarron,
New Mexico.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 25, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 22nd instant of the field notes and astronomical work and on this morning of the plats of the survey of the northern boundary of New Mexico, mentioned in your letter of the 6th instant as forwarded by the mail of that date.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 28, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:

Referring to Surveyor General Clark's letters to you of January 23 and July 29 and to yours in reply of February 19 and August 10, 1868, on the subject of the Arizona archives, I have the honor to inform you that nothing has yet been received at this office in the premises from the Surveyor General of California

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 31, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of instructions of the 15th instant, together with the enclosed copies of two private acts of congress—one "to confirm the title to certain land to the pueblo of Santa Ana," approved February 9, 1869, and the other "to confirm certain private land claims in the Territory of New Mexico," approved March 3, 1869.

In regard to that part of your letter which refers to the inconsiderable balance of $41.63 which will remain unexpended at the close of the current fiscal year of the fund applicable to the compensation of clerks in this office in the ensuing fiscal year I have the honor to say that, as I anticipate no considerable deposits being made during the next fiscal year to the credit of that fund for the survey of private land claims or mineral claims and none for special surveys of the public lands, I apprehend I shall be under the necessity of discharging my clerical force early in the next fiscal year, unless the Department has it in its power and disposition to provide means for continuing it.

I find it indispensably necessary to have constantly in the office

an interpreter and Translator. Nearly all the archives and records of the private land claims branch of the office are in Spanish, and nearly all the business visits to the office in connection with private claims are by persons speaking only the Spanish language. The services of the Translator are constantly required, and could not be dispensed with with justice to the public service.

If the office is required, as your instructions say, to prosecute the public surveys in this district during the ensuing surveying season of course the services of at least one clerk and one draughtsman will be necessary. These employees however cannot be had unless means be provided for their compensation — nor indeed can even the map now in course of construction to accompany my annual report be finished out of the funds now available, as the draughtsman could not complete it as designed probably before the middle of August.

In consideration of the foregoing statements I urgently request that, if practicable, provision be made by the Department for the continuance in service in this office of at least the Translator and the Draughtsman.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 31, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— Lucien B. Maxwell, present owner, has made application to me to have surveyed the confirmed private land claim No. 15, known as the Beaubien & Miranda grant, lying in the northeastern section of this Territory and extending, it is believed, a short distance into the Territory of Colorado. I have furnished him with my estimate of the whole expense of the survey, including office work, to wit: $5000 for the field and $500 for the office work.

This sum of $5500 he has deposited by my direction with the Designated Depositary here, as evidenced by the enclosed certificates of deposit, and I shall enter into contract with a deputy surveyor probably within the next few days for the execution of the work, and forward the contract for your approval.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 7, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to transmit herewith for your approval a contract entered into on the 5th instant with W. W. Griffin for the survey of the Beaubien & Miranda private land claim No. 15, the deposit of funds for which was made by the present owners on the 2d ult., as I advised you under that date.

You will observe that the contract provides for the probable contingency of the lines of the survey crossing the northern boundary of this Territory into another land district.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 17, 1869.

Gentlemen:

I acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th instant, applying for the survey of the mineral deposit or vein claimed by you and known as the "Santa Rita del Cobre."

I estimate the whole expense of the survey at one hundred dollars; and, upon your filing in this office duplicate certificates of the deposit in the United States Designated Depository at Santa Fé of this sum to the credit of the fund created by "Individual Depositors for the Survey of the Public Lands," will proceed to execute the survey under the act of Congress of July 26, 1866.

Very respectfully your obedient servants.
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Messrs. John Pratt and
William Rosenthal,
Santa Fé.

Surveyor General's Office.
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 24, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: I have the honor to enclose for your approval contract No. 35, executed yesterday with Robert H. Willison for the survey of public lands in this district. After due inquiry and consideration as to the proper locality for expending the funds placed at the disposal of this office for such surveys by your letter of the 15th ultimo, I have deemed the section of country embraced by this contract a proper locality to be surveyed this season.

I have the honor also to enclose a general contract, No. 36, entered into at the same time, also with Mr. Willison, for such surveys of mining claims in this district as may be called for.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 25, 1869.

Sir:~ I have the honor to request to be informed whether there is on file in your office any evidence of an adverse claim to that of the Santa Rita Mining Association, represented by John Pratt and others, for the Santa Rita del Cobre mineral claim, situated in T. 17 S. R. 12 W. in this district, and if so to request a copy thereof with a statement of date of filing in your office.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

A. Wetter, Esq.,
Register, &c.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 26, 1869.

Robert H. Willison, Esq.,
Deputy Mineral Surveyor.

Sir:~ You will proceed to execute, under your contract with this office of the 23rd instant, the survey of the Santa Rita del Cobre

mining claim, situated in township 17 South range 12 west in this Territory.

It is not known whether any portion of the lode to be surveyed will cross any of the lines of the public surveys; but, as it lies within a subdivided township and probably in section 29 thereof, it cannot be very distant from some such line. Should there be an intersection you will note the same in your fieldnotes by distance on line to the nearest corner: but should no such intersection occur you will begin at some corner of the public survey most convenient for connecting the claim with, (a description of the established corners in the vicinity of which is herewith furnished you,) and, giving in your notes a minute description of such starting point, you will run a blank line from such corner to the nearest convenient place on the lines of the claim survey, giving the course and distance between the two points.

In marking the exterior lines of the claim survey you will use the cornerstones as regards size which are prescribed in the Manual of Surveying Instructions for section corners, and will plant the stones so used so as to face the claim, marking the numbers on the side facing the claim, and designating and numbering the claim as No. 3, so as to avoid interference with the sectional series of numbers in the public land system of surveys.

You will mark bearingtrees to corners where the trees are convenient, or where rocks in place can be marked as bearingtrees.

At the end of your notes you will give a general description of the lode and its improvements and surroundings, together with your opinion of the amount of work and the character and value of the improvements. In your returns of the value of the improvements on the lode you will include the cost of digging and timbering the shaft, of stripping the lode, and all machinery and buildings necessary for working the mine, and will make due allowance for the cost of labor and the time when the work was done.

Your fieldnotes will be signed and sworn to by yourself and assistants, as in the case of the public land surveys and as prescribed in the Manual of Surveying Instructions.

You will bring in and deliver with your fieldnotes, plat and report at least two average specimens of the ore from the lode surveyed, each specimen of at least one pound in weight; and, should there be more than one kind of valuable ore in considerable quantity in the lode, you will furnish a like specimen of each.

In collecting for your report information concerning the

character and value of the Santa Rita del Cobre lode, to be by you surveyed, the following points may be of value, in connection with such others as will doubtlessly occur to you in the course of your inquiries:— Size and depth of the shaft; whether the mine has been capped and the character of the cap; by what process the ore has been worked and the average yields by that process; what the ore assayed if it has been assayed; how far the lode has been traced; whether there is a mill attached to the property, and if so what kind and of what capacity; is the mine pumped? and the capacity of the pump; is the vein vertical? if not what is its dip? is timber plentiful near the lode? if not, how far distant? and how accessible? the approximate elevation of the claim above the valley of the Rio Grande at Albuquerque.—

Respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer,

Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 30, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the approved accounts of this office for the quarter ending this day

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 10, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to forward herewith the semiannual return of property in this office belonging to the United States at the end of the term ending the 30th ult.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 12, 1869.

John Butler, Esq.,
Cerrillos, New Mexico.

Sir:— In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, requesting information concerning a piece of land settled upon by you

in Mora county, and desiring to be informed as to the proper steps for acquiring from the government title to the same under the preëmption or homestead laws, I have to say that, from your description of the locality of the tract it is presumed it lies within the limits of the Mora grant, which by act of congress has been severed from the public domain of the United States.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 12, 1869.

William Kolberg, Esq.,
Coyote, New Mexico.

Sir:~ Referring to your letter to this office of the 8th inst. inquiring whether a certain piece of land claimed by you lying on Coyote creek in Mora county is public land, and requesting to be informed what steps are necessary towards acquiring title to the land, I have to say that, judging from your description of the locality, it is believed the tract is embraced within the limits of the Mora grant, over which the United States, by act of congress approved June 21, 1860, confirming among other private land claims No. 32, has quitclaimed proprietary rights.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 12, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:~ I have the honor to acknowledge, as therein directed to do, the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, notifying me of the suspension of the approval of contract No. 24 with deputy W.W. Griffin for the survey of the Beaubien & Miranda grant, until you shall receive from me a special report "in relation to the extent and locality of the claim."

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor-General's Office.
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 13, 1869.

Lucien B. Maxwell, Esq.,
Cimarron, New Mexico.

Sir:~ In accordance with instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the 28th ultimo, I hereby notify you to appear at this office on or before the 18th day of August next, and make "record or other authority of what is claimed as the true extent and locus" of the Beaubien & Miranda grant, now claimed by you.

By reference to the letter of the Commissioner referred to you will observe that the object of this inquiry seems to be to limit the grant to "the maximum of eleven square leagues, which maximum governors were empowered to grant," or to establish your right to claim a larger amount, as well as to establish the fact of the tracts lying within this Surveying District or whether extending into another.

Please acknowledge the receipt hereof.

Respectfully your obt. Servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor-General

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 14, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:~ The receipts for the Arizona archives the subject of correspondence of the Surveyor-General's letters to you of January 23 and July 29, 1868, and May 28, 1869, and of yours in reply of February 19 and August 10, 1868, and June 15, 1869, were received here from the Surveyor-General of California on the 12th instant~ of which receipts (dated at San Francisco October 25, 1867, and signed by Surveyor-General Upson) Surveyor-General Lay in his letter of the 29th ultimo transmitting them says, "apparently no copies were ever forwarded either to your [this] office or the department."

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer
Surveyor-General

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 15, 1869.

Colonel M. D. Ludington,
United States Quartermaster.

Sir:- In attention to your note of this evening requesting any information obtainable at this office relative to the setting apart in 1860 of a military reservation upon which old fort Lyon, now New Fort Wingate, was located, I have the honor here to enclose a copy of a communication received in that year from the department commander notifying the Surveyor General of the reservation of the point mentioned for military purposes, and to say that I am not aware of the excitence of any private land grant or claims in that vicinity. There is no diagram of the reserve on file in this office.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor-General.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico
July 16, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- In attention to your letter of April 14. I have the honor now to forward my estimates for the surveying services in this district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1871, together with a statement of proposed surveys illustrative of my estimate for public surveys.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Estimates of the Surveyor General
For the Surveying Service in New Mexico for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1871.

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On Salary Account.

For Salary of Surveyor General	.....	$ 3000.00
" " Translator (who is also Chief Clerk)	.....	2000.00
" " Draughtsman	.....	1800.00
" " Clerk	.....	1800.00

On Incidental Expense Account.

For rent of office, stationery, fuel, &c. $1200.00

On Surveying Account.

For public surveys $40,542.00

Proposed Surveys
In the Territory of New Mexico for the year ending June 30, 1871.

On the San Juan River.

Principal Meridian from the corner to T. 16 & 17 N. north 90 miles @ $15 ..... $1350.00
Seventh Correction Line North west to corner to R. 18 & 19 W. 108 miles @ $15 ..... 1620.00
Exteriors of 15 townships, 204 miles @ $12 ..... 2448.00
Subdivision of 5 townships, 300 miles @ $10 ..... 3000.00

On the Cimarron River.

Extension east of the Fifth Correction Line North, 84 miles @ $15 ..... $1260.00
Extension north of the Second Guide Meridian, 60 miles @ $15 ..... 900.00
Exteriors of 4 townships, 60 miles @ $12 ..... 720.00
Subdivision of 3 townships, 180 miles @ $10 ..... 1800.00

On the Canadian River.

Exteriors of T. 13 & 14 N. R. 34, 35 & 36 E., 78 miles @ $12 ..... $ 936.00
Subdivision of same townships, 360 miles @ $10 ..... 3600.00
Line between R. 24 & 25 E. T. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31 N., 90 miles @ $12 ..... 1080.00
Exteriors of T. 16 to 24 ars of T. 29 & 30 N. R. 25 E. 120 miles @ $12 ..... 1440.00
Fourth Correction Line N. through R. 23, 24 & 25 E.
Fifth Correction Line N. through R. 25 E.
Seventh Correction Line N. through R. 25 E.
} 30 miles @ $15 ..... 450.00

Near old Fort Wingate:

Extension of Second Correction Line N. 84 miles west @ $15 ..... $1260.00
Exteriors of 4 townships, 60 miles @ $12 ..... 720.00
Subdivision of 4 townships, 240 miles @ $10 ..... 2400.00

On the Pecos River.

Subdivision of 5 townships in Cañon Blanco, 300 miles @ $10 ..... $3000.00

On and near Gila River.

Extension of the Fourth Correction Line S. west 42 miles @ $15..... $ 630.00
Extension of the Third Correction Line S. west 48 miles @ $15..... 720.00
Exteriors of T. 15 to 20 S. R. 14 to 21 W. inclusive, 534 miles @ $12..... 6408.00
Subdivision of 8 townships to include settlements on Gila, 480 miles @ $10..... 4800.00

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico.
July 16, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: I have the honor here to enclose certificate of deposite No. 4 given by the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé for one hundred dollars placed to the credit of the fund created by individual depositors for the survey of the public lands, which sum is the amount of my estimate for the survey of the "Santa Rita del Cobre" mineral claim, to be executed by deputy mineral surveyor R. H. Willison, under the act of July 26, 1866, and under his contract No. 36 with this office forwarded to you with my letter of the 24th ultimo.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 20, 1869.

Sir:— I have the honor to enclose an account of Mr. W. F. Heller for $52.17 for services as clerk in this office from the 16th to the 31st of December, 1868 inclusive, certified by Mr. Miller, then in charge of the office as chief clerk. As the services appear to have been actually rendered, and the account therefor not having been presented before, I recommend that the same be paid.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 6, 1869.

Hon. R. H. Taylor,
First Comptroller of the Treasurer.

Sir:~ I have the honor to transmit for your use two contracts, both entered into the 23rd of June last with Roberts B. Willieon, deputy public land surveyor and deputy mineral surveyor.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 18, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:~ In accordance with instructions from your office of the 28th June last I notified L. B. Maxwell, as the present owner of the Beaubien & Miranda grant, to furnish this office on or before the 18th August, 1869, the information desired, at the same time lending him a copy of your letter. His replies, copies of which are herewith enclosed marked A and B, constitute the only response he has made to the notice.

It would appear from the best information I can obtain that, while the great bulk of his claim is in this Territory and all within the former boundaries of New Mexico, a portion ranging in extent from three to ten miles in width now lies in Colorado.

At the request of Mr. Maxwell I also herewith enclose an authenticated copy of the original sketch map of the Beaubien & Miranda claim, on file among the papers of the grant in this office.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 20, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant I have to say that the deposit of $100 made on the 18th of June last by William Rosenthall for the survey of the Santa Rita del Cobre mineral claim embraces estimates of $30 for field work, $55 for office work and $15 for notice.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 20, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to forward to your office by this mail in a separate package my annual report, with accompanying documents from A to F inclusive.

I am very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 21, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- In response to your inquiries of the 2nd ultimo as to the productive and commercial resources of this Territory, I have the honor to submit herewith my estimates of the same.

1.- The "aggregate value of raw materials annually produced in New Mexico in agriculture, mining, fishing, &c.," is about $1,500,000.

2.- The "annual aggregate of secondary values added to raw materials by chemical and mechanical processes," is about $400,000.

3.- The "aggregate annual profit of capital invested in merchandizing or trade of all kinds," is about $800,000.

4.—The "aggregate annual profit of capital invested in banking, insurance and other branches dealing in money," is about $200,000.

5.—The "aggregate annual profit of capital loaned to the government, to counties, towns and other municipal bodies, is about $5000

6.—The "aggregate annual profits of capital invested in public transportation," is about $100,000.

7.—The "aggregate annual compensation of clerks, mekengers, officers, sailors, conductors, engineers, laborers, &c., employed in trade, transportation, banking, &c," is about $1,000,000.

8.—The "aggregate annual income of lawyers, physicians, clergymen and all other professional men," is about $100,000.

9.—The "annual aggregate of wages paid to domestic servants of all kinds," is about $200,000.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 21, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— In answer to the interrogatories of your circular of the 24th ultimo I have the honor to submit the following estimates:—

1.—But a very small portion of the Territory is cultivable without irrigation. Scarcely an appreciative amount of the land now under cultivation is other than irrigated. This is estimated at 2,000,000 acres: there are probably about 8,000,000 more susceptible of irrigation from the springs and streams of the Territory. There are about 5,000,000 acres of tableland that might be irrigated by ordinary and artesian wells. Water in abundance has been found within the past year in a well of one hundred feet depth near the middle of the largest of these mesas, the Jornada del Muerto, forty by ninety miles in extent. About 100,000 acres of mineral land. 2.—The whole Territory may be regarded as grazing land. 3.—5,000,000 acres, including grants of all kinds. 4.—No swamp lands proper in the Territory. 5.—No sterile lands proper: see first answer. 6.—15,000,000 acres, broken by mountain ranges. 7.—10,000,000 acres of timber land. 8.—130 cities and towns. 9.—1000 miles projected and surveyed of railroad lines.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor-General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 23, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- In compliance with the letter from your office of the 18th instant I have the honor to enclose a statement embodying the information therein required for the United States Biennial Register for 1869.

I take occasion respectfully to request that when the "Register" shall have been published you have at least one copy sent to this office, as there is not one here of any year.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Statement

Showing the Names, Positions, Nativities, Whence Appointed and Annual Compensation of Persons now employed in the Office of Surveyor General of New Mexico.

Name	Position	Nativity	Whence appointed	Annual Compensation.
T. Rush Spencer	Surveyor General	New York	New York	Three thousand dollars
David J. Miller	Ch. Clerk & Translator	Alabama	New Mexico	Two thousand dollars
George Washington	Messenger	Virginia	New Mexico	Three hundred dollars

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 23, 1869.

T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 28, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to forward by this mail, in a separate package, a transcript of the field notes and a plat of the survey of the Santa Rita del Cobre mining claim, surveyed by deputy mineral Surveyor Robert H. Willison under his contract of June 23, 1869,

also, in a separate package, a specimen of the ore from the mine surveyed, and to transmit herewith a statement of the whole expense of said survey, showing a balance of $1.90 due to William Rosenthall and to be refunded him as amount unexpended of his deposit of $100 made the 18th of June last for the survey and work incident to the same, an approved account for which balance is also enclosed.

I enclose also, for settlement, the approved accounts of M. A. Upson for publication of notice, of deputy Wilson for execution of survey, and of C. A. Ledbetter for work in the office making plats of the latter.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 28, 1869.

Henry Wetter, Esq.,
Register of the Land Office.

Sir:~ On the 18th of June last William Rosenthall for the Santa Rita Mining Association duly deposited, as contemplated by the act of congress "granting the right of way to ditch and canal owners over the public lands and for other purposes," approved July 26, 1866, one hundred dollars for the survey and office work and notice incident thereto of the Santa Rita del Cobre mineral claim, situated in T. 17 S. R. 12 W. of this district. Robert B. Wilson, mineral surveyor, was authorized and instructed to execute the survey of the claim, which he accordingly did, as evidenced by the accompanying approved plat and authenticated copy of fieldnotes of the survey.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 31, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, Comm. General Land Office.

Sir:~ I have the honor to transmit herewith a supplementary argument this day filed by Hon. John S. Watts as attorney for L. B. Maxwell, claimant under the Beaubien & Miranda grant, urging survey according to boundaries indicated in the original grant.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
September 2, 1869.

Robert B. Willison, Esq., Deputy Surveyor.

Sir:— You will be governed in the execution of the survey contemplated in your contract of June 23, 1869, by the requirements of the printed manual of surveying instructions of 1855 and the supplement thereto of 1864 and by the special instructions now handed you.

In your fieldnotes you will describe what is agricultural land of the townships surveyed, and also represent the same distinctively upon the plats to be returned with the notes by the designation "agricultural land."

Under recent instructions from the General Land Office I am requested to forward to that office from time to time as I may be able "specimens of ores, native metals, useful minerals, coals, mineral waters, limestones, marls, native manures, fire and potter's clay and building materials, also specimens that throw light on the geological structure of the public domain" in New Mexico, "such as fossils, lithological or rock specimens." You are therefore requested to collect and hand in with your notes any collections of this kind you may be able to make in the field of your operations of a valuable or interesting character, to be forwarded as specimens to the General Land Office.

As you have heretofore on several occasions been intrusted under contract with the execution of public surveys, and as your ability and vigilance as a surveyor are known to the office in a degree justifying my entire confidence in you, I deem it unnecessary to furnish you any detailed instructions further than the above outside of the manual and supplement.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
September 4, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to request that you have prepared and forwarded to this office a copy of the notes and plats of the international boundary line surveyed under the treaty with Mexico of December 30, 1853, west from the Rio Grande at Frontera to its intersection

with the 109° of longitude west from Greenwich. There is in the office here no description of the line; and I desire to ascertain the distance from the river to what deputy surveyor Garretson in his fieldnotes (September, 1855) calls the third boundary monument standing eighteen miles and three chains east of the New Mexico principal meridian."

According to major Emory's determination Santa Fé lies in longitude 106° 02'. This location has been adopted I believe at the department of the interior as correct, though according to the projection of the public land surveys and of the meridians of longitude as heretofore laid down on the maps of this office - unless perhaps on that of 1867 by draughtsman Lambert, of which no duplicate was retained - it falls on longitude about 105° 54'; and other prominent points within the lines of the surveys vary in about equal distance from their positions as scientifically ascertained. An error has crept in from some source, and I think it may be detected upon an inspection of the notes of the southern boundary of this Territory.

I enclose a copy of the office diagram of the principal meridian at its intersection with the boundary line, which shows that the draughtsman understood the third monument to be upon the Rio Grande; which is evidently an error, as is more fully evidenced by deputy surveyor Garretson's fieldnotes, an extract from which I also enclose.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
September 4, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- In reply to your letter of the 18th ultimo directing my attention to those of April 14 and July 24, the former on the subject of the preparation of my annual report and the latter calling for certain information relative to the public domain in this district, I have the honor to state that, as the letter of April 14 required the report to reach Washington by the first of September, it was mailed here on the 20th of August, and that I replied to the "circular" above referred to, of July 24, under date of the following day, August 21.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer.

Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
September 30, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to enclose for settlement the approved accounts created in this office during the fiscal quarter ending this day.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor-General.

Surveyor-Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
October 4, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by the last mail of volume XV of the United States statutes at large forwarded from the General Land Office.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor-General.

Surveyor-Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
October 4, 1869.

Hon. John S. Watts,
Santa Fé, New Mexico.

Sir:- In compliance with your request I hereby furnish you the statement that the grant for a tract of land on the Rio de las Gallinas, New Mexico, made by the Spanish government in 1819 to Antonio Ortiz and approved by the United States Surveyor General in November 21, 1860, was confirmed by act of congress approved March 3, 1869.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer
Surveyor-General

United States Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
October 7, 1869.

General A. K. Heath,
Secretary and acting Governor.

Sir:- In compliance with your letter of the first instant enclosing Mr. John Eberlin's letter on the subject of the recently surveyed northern boundary of this Territory and requesting to be informed as to the locus of the line with respect to the town of La Costilla, I have the honor to enclose a copy of the fieldnotes of the survey of three miles of the line embracing that portion of it which runs through the village mentioned, and also a section of the map of the line thus described. You will observe that the fieldnotes show that nearly three-quarters of the village falls within this Territory, and that the flagstaff at the postoffice in La Costilla stands 4488 feet South of the boundary line.

I return Mr. Eberlin's letter to your office herewith.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
October 13, 1869.

Respectfully returned to the Superintendent of Indian Affairs. The sketch herewith will show the Government surveys in the vicinity of Fort Stanton. Information as to settlement on same may be had at Register's office.

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

[The above an endorsement on Indian agent Lieutenant A. G. Henefee's recommendation for an Indian reservation at Fort Stanton, referred by Superintendent Clinton to Surveyor General for information as to Government surveys and settlers thereon.]

Surveyor Generals Office.
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
October 22, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to transmit herewith the account of $2143.66, of deputy surveyor R. B. Willison for the survey of the second guide meridian east twenty-four miles south from the corner to R. 19 & 20 E. on the second correction line north, of the first correction line north, east eighteen miles from the corner to R. 19 & 20 E., and of the exterior boundaries of T. 5, 6, 7 & 8 N. of R. 20, 21 & 22 E, and in a separate package a transcript of the fieldnotes and a sketch of said surveys.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November 8, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ult. mentioning that "no map of New Mexico showing the progress of the public surveys and intended to accompany your [my] annual report has as yet reached the office," and requesting me to transmit the same as soon as possible.

In explanation I have the honor to refer you, in connection with your letters of May 15 and June 15, to my letter to your office of May 31, and also to the second page of my annual report of August 19, 1869. My inability under the circumstances to prepare and transmit with my annual report a map I very much regretted- but my reasons for it, stated in my two communications abovementioned, I trust are satisfactory to the Commissioner.

I will at once however proceed to adapt the map for 1867, forwarded at my request to this office by the General Land Office June 9, 1869, so as to show all the surveys executed and under contract on the district of June last, as well as the counties, towns, streams, &c., of the Territory; and will as soon as practicable- no doubt during the present week- transmit the same to your office:

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor-General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November 12, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor now to forward the map of New Mexico mentioned in my letter to your office of the 8th instant.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November 13, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to enclose, in compliance with your letter of the 18th ultimo, received on the 4th instant, a statement of the estimated population of New Mexico, subdivided into towns, Indian pueblos and counties. To make the estimate has required considerable time and attention: hence I have not been able to transmit it as soon after the receipt of your letter as I desired.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Population of New Mexico.

Names and estimated Populations of the various Cities, Towns, Villages, Indian Pueblos and Counties of the Territory of New Mexico.

In the County of Taos:-

Fernando de Taos	3000
Ranchos de Taos	2000
Rio Hondo	1000
Rio Colorado	1500
Arroyo Seco	1000
Embudo	900
Taos pueblo	375
Chamizal	325

Las Trampas	275	
Picuris	250	
Costilla in New Mexico	250	
Peñasco	200	
Santa Bárbara	200	
Picuris pueblo	150	11,525
Country settlements		1500 13,025

In the County of Colfax:-

Cimarron	800	
Elizabethtown	600	
Virginia	50	1450
Country settlements		500 1950

In the County of Mora:-

Mora	3000	
Sapello	1400	
Cevolla	1200	
Cueva	1000	
La Junta	1000	
Cherry Valley	800	
Loma Parda	750	
Rayado	700	
Guadalupita	650	10,500
Country settlements		1550 12,050

In the County of Rio Arriba:-

Cañada	1750	
Rito	1100	
Chama	1100	
Ojo Caliente	1000	
Tierra Amarilla	975	
Abiquiú	950	
Chamita	900	
Plaza de Alcalde	700	
Los Luceros	700	

La Joya	650	
San Juan pueblo	350	
Cuchilla	75	
Santa Clara pueblo	50	10,300
Country settlements	1700	12,000

In the County of Santa Ana:-

Santo Domingo pueblo	1000	
Jemez pueblo	800	
Peña Blanca	650	
Algodones	500	
Santa Ana pueblo	500	
San Felipe pueblo	400	
Cochiti pueblo	400	
Majada	200	
Vallecito	150	
Zia pueblo	125	
Cubero	100	
Hot Springs	20	4845
Country settlements	350	5195

In the County of Santa Fé:-

Santa Fé	6500	
Chimayó	1500	
Agua Fria	700	
Galisteo	650	
Las Truchas	650	
San Ildefonso	570	
Tesuque	400	
Pojoaque	400	
Ciénega	350	
Real de Dolores	150	
Tesuque pueblo	125	
Nambé pueblo	100	
Pueblo Quemado	100	
Real del Puerto	100	
Pojoaque pueblo	20	12315
Country settlements	1000	13,315

In the County of San Miguel:~

Las Vegas	4500	
Anton Chico	1300	
Tecolote	1200	
San Miguel	750	
San Jose	700	
Puerto de Luna	700	
La Cuesta	700	
Pecos	500	
La Junta	500	
Chaperito	500	
Sienora	500	
Pueblo	400	
Agua Negra	300	
Los Valles	300	
Rincon del Tecolote	175	
Las Torres	100	
Bernal	100	
Guzano	75	
Hatch	75	13,475
Country settlements	1700	15,175

In the County of Bernalillo:~

Alburquerque	3000	
Los Ranchos	1900	
Bernalillo	1475	
Isleta pueblo	1200	
Manzano	1000	
Chilili	700	
Alameda	700	
Tajique	650	
Gabelas	400	
Torreon	350	
Pajarito	300	
Atrisco	250	
Sandia pueblo	225	
Tijeras	150	

Corrales	700.	
San Antonio	100	
San Lorenzo	100	
Padillas	100	
San Antoñito	50	
Tejon	50	13,400
Country Settlements	1000	14,400

In the County of Valencia:-

Zuñi pueblo	1500	
Laguna pueblo	900	
Belen	750	
Peralta	700	
Cevolleta	650	
Valencia	600	
Los Lunas	600	
Cubero	550	
Acoma	500	
Tome	350	
Rio Puerco	350	
Casa Colorada	325	
San Mateo	300	
La Joya	250	
Los Enlames	250	
Los Lentes	250	
Mogrino	150	
Canon Mine	60	9035
County Settlements	1000	10,035

In the County of Lincoln:-

Ruidoso	500	
Rio Bonito	450	
Ashland	500	
La Junta	250	
Head de Jicarilla	100	1800
Country Settlements	1200	3000

In the County of Socorro:-

Socorro	750	
Limitar	750	
Savage	700	
Polvadera	600	
Sabinal	500	
San Antonio	250	
Alamosa	200	
Don Pedro	100	
Silver Mines	50	3900
Country Settlements	750.	4650

In the County of Grant:-

Pinos Altos	700	
Mimbres	200	
Rito	150	
Central	100	1150
Country Settlements	1000.	2150

In the County of Doña Ana:-

Mesilla	1500	
Las Cruces	1200	
Doña Ana	700	
Mesa	600	
Tularosa	500	
Picacho	300	
Santo Tomas	150	
Amoles	100	
San Agustin Spring	30.	5080
Country Settlements	750.	5830

Recapitulation.

In the County of	Taos	13,025
" "	Colfax	1,950
" "	Mora	12,050
" "	Rio Arriba	12,000
" "	Santa Ana	5,195
" "	Santa Fé	13,315
" "	San Miguel	15,175
" "	Bernalillo	14,400
" "	Valencia	10,035
" "	Lincoln	3,000
" "	Socorro	4,650
" "	Grant	2,150
" "	Doña Ana	5,830
	Total	112,775

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November 30, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant enclosing copy of the President's order of September 23, 1869, making a reservation for military purposes at Fort Craig in this Territory, together with diagram and fieldnotes of survey of the said reservation.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 10, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir:- I have the honor to enclose for your approval a contract No. 37, with deputy surveyor Robert H. Willson for the survey under appropriation by Congress of the standard, exterior and subdivisional lines therein stipulated.

entered into under authority and direction of your letters of September 12, 1868, and May 15, 1869.

The public surveys made in that section last season as well as my information from other sources indicate a pressing necesity for a further extension of the government surveys in that portion of the Pecos river valley — a number of actual settlements and a large amount of arable land lying outside the present lines.

Full returns of the work under the contract of June 23, 1869, have been made to this office, amounting in the aggregate to not exceeding $5200, and will be forwarded as soon as the necessary transcripts and plats shall have been prepared for transmission.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 21, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to request that a lot of blank field notes paper be furnished the office, as the supply on hand is nearly exhausted. Surveyor Darling has called upon me for the loan of a quarter of a ream for his use in returning his surveys in the Navajo Indian country. I could furnish him however with but half of what he needs, retaining in the office barely sufficient for the transcripts of work now in hand.

Very respectfully yonr obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 31, 1869.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor herewith to transmit for settlement the approved salary and incidental expense accounts created in this office during the present quarter.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
January 17, 1870.

Sir:~

I beg leave to call your attention to the condition of the funds appropriated for the clerical services of this office for the current year, as well as submit an estimate of the amount required to carry on the work of the office in the most economical manner to the end of this fiscal year, as follows:~

Amount remaining unexpended July 1, 1869		$ 41.63
Assigned by Commissioners letter of June 15, 1869		1500.00
		$1541.63
Paid William F. Fellen therefrom first fiscal quarter	$ 52.17	
" Charles F. Helmle " Second " "	28.53	
" Cyrus A. LeForrest " " " "	81.52	
" David J. Miller " first " "	500.00.	
" David J. Miller " Second " "	500.00	1162.22
Unexpended December 31, 1869		$ 379.41
Estimated payment to Draughtsman third fiscal quarter	$187.50	
" " do. fourth " "	375.00	
" " Translator & C. clk. third " "	500.00	
" " do. fourth " "	500.00	$1562.50
Deduct unexpended December 31, 1869		379.41
Deficiency June 30, 1870		$1183.09

As will be seen, in addition to the salary of the Translator and chief clerk it has been necessary for a time to employ a Draughtsman to prepare the plats of the field work of deputy W. B. Willison; and upon the completion of his new contract similar services will be necessary. I hope that, by means of a deficiency bill for the Interior department or otherwise, some fund has been made available to meet the urgent necessities of this office.

I beg leave to call your attention to my letter of the 21st may last and also to the second page of my annual report.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 15, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to transmit by this mail in separate packages the fieldnotes and plats of surveys executed by deputy surveyor R. B. Willison under his contract of the 23rd of June last, and also herewith his approved account for the work.

I respectfully call your attention to his statement, to be found on page 123 of the transcript, concerning the survey of the Preston Beck private claim. I coincide with the reason given by the deputy for subdividing the whole township as he has done. The position of the river according to the survey of the grant I have laid down on the plat (of T. 9 N. R. 21 E.) in green ink.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 22, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor herewith to transmit my semiannual returns of public property in this office for the six months ending the 31st ultimo.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 25, 1870.

Hon. R. W. Taylor,
First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Sir:- I have the honor to enclose herewith for your information triplicates of a contract dated the 10th and approved by the Commissioner of the General Landoffice the 20th ult., entered into with R. B. Willison for the survey of certain public lands in this district.

Respectfully your obt. servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 31, 1870.

Robert B. Willison, Esq., United States Deputy Surveyor.

Sir:— You are herewith furnished, for your guidance and government in the execution of the surveys provided for in your contract, No 37, of the 10th ultimo, the printed manual of surveying instructions of 1855 and the supplement thereto of 1864, together with the necessary descriptive diagrams.

It is not believed that in the section of country in which your work will lie there is other land than that properly denominated agricultural; but should there be found any of the class mineral you will designate each kind in your notes and also distinctively in your plats. Nor is it believed that in your district of operations there are probably to be encountered any valuable or very interesting collections of mineral substances proper to the locality: should there be however any such found you will collect and hand in with your notes average specimens of the same, to be forwarded to the General Landoffice. These specimens of ores, useful minerals, native metals, coals, mineral waters, fossils, rocks, &c, I am, as you are aware, required by the Commissioner to collect and forward to him for preservation in the General Landoffice cabinet of natural productions designed to show the character and structure of the national public domain.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 9, 1870.

Sir:

I received yesterday your letter of the 7th ultimo (postmarked the 7th inst.) inquiring whether the $500 deposited by you for the survey of the Beaubien & Miranda grant is subject to your order "under the decision of Secretary Cox," and, if not, what steps you should take to withdraw the money. In reply I have to say I am wholly ignorant of any decision Secretary of the Interior Cox may have made concerning the survey of the grant, having received no official information in the premises from the General Landoffice or elsewhere.

Your deposit no doubt might be withdrawn upon your representing your present indisposition to have the grant surveyed for record, and upon your statement to that effect to the Surveyor General he would

have no objection to recommending the permission to withdraw.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Lucien B. Maxwell, Esq.,
Cimarron, New Mexico.

[Telegram.]

Santa Fé, March 10, 1870.

To L. B. Maxwell, Cimarron:

Commissioner instructs me to forward immediately your account with view to refunding entire deposit. You need not act. Watts has acted.

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 12, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: In compliance with your letter of the 28th ultimo instructing me to prepare and transmit at once a duly certified account in favor of Mr. Maxwell for the amount of his deposit of May 21, 1869, for the field and office work incident to the survey of the Beaubien & Miranda confirmed private land claim, I have the honor herewith to enclose the account prepared and certified as directed.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 22, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:—

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of a paper filed in this office yesterday by Messrs. Macmillen & Williams on the part of Maria de Medina asking a stay of proceedings in the

matter of the Santa Rita del Cobre mining claim, for which mesrs. William Rosenthall and others have applied for patent.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 1, 1870.

Hon: Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: I have the honor to enclose herewith for settlement the accounts creatd in this office during the quarter ending the 31st ultimo.

The account for clerical service is rendered as usual, in the hope that some provision has been made whereby it may be paid. If no fund is applicable, however, other than the $1500 assigned to this office per your letter of June 15, 1869 then of course only a portion of the account is expected to be paid.

In my letter to your office of the 17th January last the state of the clerical fund was set forth, and a request proffered that further provision be made but no reply has been received.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 14, 1870.

Surveyor General of Colorado,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:~ The United States quartermaster of this military district has requested of me information as to the tenure by which the United States holds possession of the land on which Fort Garland—formerly in this Territory, now in Colorado—is situated. The locality is said to be within the limits of the Charles Beaubien private land claim, known as the Sangre de Cristo grant; the original papers in which claim were forwarded by this to your office for deposit therein January 18, 1862. Any information you may have and communicate to me will be duly furnished to the Quartermaster as he has requested.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General N. Mexico

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 23, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter of the 30th ultimo in reference to my annual report and accompanying papers.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 23, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter of the 8th instant enclosing a copy of President Grant's order of February 18, 1870, setting apart a tract of ten miles square for a military reservation at Fort Wingate, a copy of the fieldnotes of the reservation survey and a diagram of the latter

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 28, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to forward herewith the approved account of deputy surveyor R. B. Williams for work executed under his contract of December 10, 1869; and also, in a separate package, a plat of the field work referred to and a transcript of the fieldnotes of the same.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 17, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter of the 2nd instant for the preparation of my estimates for the surveying service in this district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872, and of my next annual report.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor-General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 4, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: I have the honor herewith to forward for settlement the account of R. B. Hillison, deputy surveyor, for the survey of the subdivisional lines of townships therein specified, executed under his contract of December 10, 1869, and also his account for services as draughtsman in preparing the plats of said townships. The transcript of the fieldnotes and the plats of three townships I also forward by this mail in two packages.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor-General.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 13, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 2nd instant furnishing copies of the Presidential order of April 29, 1870, reserving a track of two miles square at Fort Cummings in this Territory for military purposes, together with copies of the plat and fieldnotes of survey.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor-General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 20, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:~ I have the honor to transmit herewith the application of E. H. Eaton for a resurvey of his private land claim No. 19, together with his reasons therefor.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 30, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:~ I have the honor to enclose herewith the accounts created in this office during the quarter ending this day, with the exception of that of R. B. Willison for his services as draughtsman, which was forwarded the 4th inst.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 5, 1870.

Warren F. Sheldt, Esq.,
President of the San Agustin Mining Company.

Sir:~ The following is the estimated surveying and office expenses for the execution and perfection of the survey of the San Agustin Mining Claim, situated in Doña Ana county, New Mexico, under act of congress of July 26, 1866, deposit to be make under the tenth section of the act of May 20, 1862, and joint resolution of July 1, 1864:~

Field Work:~ For making final survey, 5 days at $10, $50 — total for Field Work $50.

Office Work:~ For the examination of the returns of original fieldnotes $15, protraction of the original plat $15, making onto duplicate and triplicate ditto $35, transcription of original fieldnotes for G. L. O. $15, ditto for local land office $15, certificate of Sur. Gen. as to improvements $5. Total for Field and Office Work $150.

The above sum to be deposited in the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé in favor of the United States Treasurer to be passed to the credit of the fund created by "Individual Depositors for the Survey of the Public Lands," separate triplicate certificates to be given in each case, viz: For field work, for office work.

Respectfully your obedient Servant,

T. Rich Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 7, 1870.

Robert R. Willison, Esq.,
Deputy Mineral Surveyor.

Sir:— As president of the San Agustin Mining Company Warren F. Sheldt, Esq., has made application for the survey of the San Agustin mine, situated in Doña Ana county, under the act of congress of July 26, 1866. The survey has been ordered; and you are hereby authorized and instructed to execute the same under your contract as Mineral Surveyor dated June 23, 1869.

The mine appears to lie in the southeast corner of section 11 of township 22 south of range 3 east. You are furnished herewith with a diagram of that portion of said township in which it lies showing the kinds, the positions and the descriptions of the landmarks of the public surveys in its vicinity, as well as the locality of the mine as reported by the deputy who surveyed the township. This mine, referred to by him in his notes (taken in 1857) and designated in the said diagram as the "Stephenson Silver Mine," is understood to be identical with the San Agustin mine, for the survey of which Mr. Sheldt has made application.

In marking the exterior lines of the mine survey you will use the cornerstones as regards size which are prescribed in the manual of surveying instructions for section corners, and will plant the stones so used so as to face the claim, marking the numbers on the side facing the claim, and designating and numbering the claim as No. 37, so as to avoid interference with the sectional series of numbers in the public land system of surveys.

You will mark bearingtrees to corners where the trees are convenient, or where rocks in place can be marked as bearingtrees.

You will connect the mine survey with the public surveys at the nearest proper corner convenient for the purpose; and, giving in your fieldnotes a minute description of such corner as your starting point, you will run a blank line from such corner to the nearest convenient

place on the line of the mine survey, giving the course and distance between the two points. The diagram before referred to will enable you to identify the adjacent corners of the public surveys in order to make the required connection.

At the end of your notes you will give a general description of the lode and of its improvements and surroundings, together with your opinion of the amount of work and the character and value of the improvements by the San Agustin mining Company. In your returns of the value of the improvements you will carefully separate and distinguish between those made by the San Agustin Mining Company and all other parties on the lode, and will include the cost of digging and tubing the shaft and all machinery and buildings necessary for working the mine, and will make due allowance for the cost of labor and the time when the work was done.

Your fieldnotes will be signed and sworn to by yourself and assistants, as in the case of the public land surveys as prescribed in the Manual.

You will, so far as you may be able to ascertain the facts, report the size and depth of the shaft in the mine, by what process the ore has been worked and the average yield by that process, what the ore has assayed, how far the lode has been traced and its dip if any, and what is the elevation of the spot above the Rio Grande at Mesilla.

You will bring in and deliver with your fieldnotes at least two average specimens of the ore from the San Agustin mine, each specimen to be at least one pound in weight; and, should there be more than one kind of ore of value in any considerable quantity in the lode, you will furnish a like specimen of each.

Respectfully your obedient servant,-

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 12, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to transmit herewith the Return of Property in this office at the end of the term ending the 30th ultimo.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 8, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office:

Sir:—Herewith I have the honor to forward two certificates of deposit of the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé for (both together) one hundred and fifty dollars in favor of the United States Treasurer on account of the fund created by individual depositors for the survey of the public lands, being the amount of my estimate for field work, $50, office work, $100, for executing and perfecting the survey of the San Agustin mining claim, a patent for which has been applied for by the San Agustin Mining Company through its president, W. F. Shedd, and which survey I have authorized and directed deputy mineral surveyor R. B. Willison to execute under his contract, No. 36, of June 23, 1869.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 23, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:—I have the honor to forward herewith my estimates of appropriations required for the surveying service in this district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872, together with a statement of proposed surveys.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

[For Estimates and Statement see next page.]

Estimates

Of the Surveyor General of Appropriations required for the Surveying Service in New Mexico for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1872.

On Salary Account.

For Salary of	Surveyor General	$ 3000
" "	Chief Clerk	2000
" "	Translator and Interpreter	2000
" "	Computer of Surveys	1800
" "	two Draughtsmen, $1800 each	3600
" "	two Clerks, $1750 each	3500

On Contingent Account.

For rent of offices, stationery, fuel, messenger, &c. . . . . $ 2000

On Surveying Account.

For public surveys — base, meridian, standard parallels and subdivisional lines . . . $ 90,012

Proposed Surveys

In the Territory of New Mexico for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1872.

On the San Juan River.

Principal meridian from the corner to T. 16 & 17 N. north 90 miles @ $15	$ 1350
Seventh correction N. west to the corner to R. 18 & 19 W. 108 miles @ $15	1620
Exteriors of 15 townships 204 miles @ $12	2448
Subdivision of 10 townships 600 miles @ $10	6000

In Northeast New Mexico.

Extension east of the second correction line N. through ranges 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 E. 60 miles @ $15	$ 900
Exterior lines of townships 9, 10, 11, 12 N. ranges 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 E. 378 miles @ $12	4536
Extension east of the fourth correction line N. through ranges 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 E. 84 miles @ $15	1260
Exteriors of T. 13 N. R. 28, 34, 35, 36, 37 E. 54 miles @ $12	648
Exteriors of T. 14 N. R. 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 E. 84 miles @ $12	1008
Exteriors of T. 15 N. R. 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 E. 114 miles @ $12	1368

Exteriors of T. 16 N. R. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 E.
90 miles @ $12 1080
Extension east of the fifth correction line N. through R. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,
31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 E. 78 miles @ $15 1170
Exteriors of T. 17, 18, 19, 20 N. R. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 E.
570 miles @ $12 6840
Subdivision of twenty townships 1200 miles @ $10 12,000

Near Fort Wingate.

Extension west of the second correction line N 82½ miles @ $15 ..... $ 1260
Exteriors of four townships 60 miles @ $12 720
Subdivision of four townships 240 miles @ $10 2400

On the Pecos River.

Subdivision of five townships in Cañon Blanco 300 miles @ $10 ..... $3000
Extension of Base line from corner to R. 19 & 20 E. to corner to R. 24 & 25 E.
30 miles @ $15 450
Extension south of second guide meridian E. from first correction line N. to
Base line 24 miles @ $15 360
Exteriors of T. 1, 2, 3, 4 N. R. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 E. 210 miles @ $12 2520
Subdivision of eight townships on both sides of the river 480 miles @ $10 4800

In Southwest New Mexico.

Extension west of third correction line S. 42 miles @ $15 ..... $ 630
Extension west of fourth correction line S. 36 miles @ $15 540
First guide meridian W. from the corner to R. 9 & 10 W. upon fourth correction line S. to fifth correction line S. 30 miles @ $15 450
Extension west of fifth correction line S. 66 miles @ $15 990
Exteriors of T. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 S. R. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 W. 378
miles @ $12 4536
Exteriors of T. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 S. R. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18,
19, 20 W. 594 miles @ $12 7128
Subdivision of thirty townships on and near the Gila river embracing
mining region 1800 miles @ $10 18,000

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
July 28, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to forward by this mail upon a roller the transcript of the fieldnotes of the survey of the San Agustin mineral claim situated in T. 22 S. R. 3 E. and plat of the survey, and in a separate package a specimen of the ore from the San Agustin mine, situated upon said claim; and I enclose herewith for settlement the approved account of the surveyor and the draughtsman and of W. F. Shelds for a balance of $29.08 to be refunded him of his deposit of $150 (reported to you in my letter of the 8th instant) for field and office work in the execution and perfection of the survey, together with a statement of all the expenses found to have been incident to the same.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
July 30, 1870.

To the Register and Receiver of the Landoffice,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:- On the 7th instant the San Agustin Mining Company by its President, W. F. Shelds, deposited the amount, $150, of the Surveyor-Generals estimate of the expense of executing and perfecting the survey of the San Agustin mine, situated in T. 22 S. R. 3 E., in Doña Ana county in the Territory, and the survey was ordered and executed and return thereof duly made.

I have the honor herewith to enclose the transcript of the fieldnotes of the survey and plat of the claim surveyed for your further action in the premises under the act of congress of July 26, 1866.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor-General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 9, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— In furtherance of your request of the 10th ultimo I have taken steps to have forwarded to your office for analysis samples of soil from the various sections of this Territory. General Getty has at my instance directed the commandants of the different military posts to forward samples to you, and I have by letter requested friends in sections where there are no such posts to send them directly to your office securely put up and so marked that you may readily ascertain whence they are respectively sent when opened at the General Land office.

Careful inquiry has failed to elicit any information as to the culture of the tea plant in this Territory.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

[Friends addressed as above referred to (August 8), viz: Jose Antonio Manzanares at Abiquiú, Juan Santisteban at Taos, John B. McCullough at Elizabethtown, J. L. Barbey at Las Vegas, Jesus M. Castillo at Bernalillo, Melchior Werner at Albuquerque and John S. Crouch at Galeton.]

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 19, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land office.

Sir:— I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter of the 3rd instant on the subject of the accounts of this office for the quarter ending June 30, 1870, and enclosing a statement from the Treasury showing the condition at the beginning of the current fiscal year of the several funds appropriated by congress for the service in this office.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
August 20, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to forward herewith my report of the transactions of this office during the year ending June 30, 1870.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor-General

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
August 29, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt under one cover of one copy and under another of six copies of your printed circular of the 25th ultimo on the subject of the fees allowed Registers and Receivers under the act of Congress approved July 9, 1870, "to amend an act granting the right of way to ditch and canal owners over the public lands and for other purposes."

In connection with the subject of fees in mining claims under said law I take occasion respectfully to ask information and instructions concerning the "certificate of Surveyor General as to improvements, &c.," contemplated by the form for estimates furnished for the use of the Surveyor Gen'l by your letter of April 22, 1868. I find no indication anywhere as to what amount the Surveyor-General should legally or properly estimate for such certificate or as to the collection or destination of the same.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor-General.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
August 29, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt

of your circular letter of the 15th instant giving instructions on the subject of keeping accounts under the fifth, sixth and seventh sections of the general appropriation act of Congress for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1871.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
August 31, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice.

Sir:- I have the honor to enclose herewith for settlement an approved account of R. B. Willieon for nine days' service in this office as draughtsman.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 31, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice.

Sir:- I have the honor herewith to enclose for your approval a contract with Robert B. Willieon for the survey of certain public lands, the surveys to embrace the important mining section of the Pyramid and Burro mountains.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
September 21, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:-

In my recent annual report I mentioned the experiment on a small scale of Dr. DeLeon of Albuquerque in the culture of the "long" staple cotton. The reference should have been to the short sta-

file. I have made the proper correction in the retained copy of the report, and I hope you will cause a like correction to be made in its original.

Doctor Hedeon has since furnished me a sample of the cotton referred to; and I have the honor herewith to forward a portion of it for your inspection.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
September 26, 1870.

Hon. R. W. Taylor, First Comptr. Auditor of the Treasury.

Sir:- I have the honor herewith to forward for your use a contract with Robert B. Willison, Esq., for the survey of certain public land, which contract has been approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General of New Mexico.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
September 30, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to forward herewith accounts approved for the quarter ending this day against the appropriations made for salaries and incidental expenses in this office.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
October 21, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Landoffice.

Sir: I have the honor to request that, if at your disposal, you forward me the last published volume of the United States Statutes at Large, one or more copies of the Biennial Register for 1869, and say half a dozen copies of your printed instructions of August 8, 1870, in relation to the survey and entry of Lode and Placer claims.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
October 24, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, Commissioner of the General Landoffice.

Sir:- I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by the last mail of the volume of Laws passed at the second session of the forty-first Congress.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November 8, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, Commissioner of the General Landoffice.

Sir:- I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter of the 20th ultimo giving directions for the subdivision of fractional sections under the mining act of July 9, 1870.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November 15, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, Commissioner of the General Landoffice.

Sir:— I have the honor to request permission to visit the southern portion of this Territory, to be absent from Santa Fé some weeks of the coming winter.

Two reasons impel me to ask this permission — to acquaint myself by personal examination of the nest of surveys in that region, and to benefit my health.

While absent Mr. Miller, long the Translator of the Office, may with propriety be placed in immediate charge.

Having had no leave of absence since in charge of the office may render this application the more proper.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor-General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November 26, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, Commissioner of the General Landoffice.

Sir:— I have the honor to forward herewith the complete transcript of papers in the case of the private land claim of Bernabé Manuel Montaño, being No. 49 in the series of Reported claims, which has been adjudicated by me, and is now transmitted for the action of the Department and of Congress.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 23, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, Commissioner of the General Landoffice.

Sir:— I have the honor to mention to the General Landoffice that no notice has been received thence concerning Mr. Willison's two approved accounts for services of Draughtsman respectively for $24.45, forwarded with my letter of July 28, and for $44.02, forwarded with that of August 31, last.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 21, 1870.

J. Bonifacio Chaves, Esq.

Sir:- In reply to your letter of the 18th instant asking, as attorney of Jose Leandro Perea, an estimate of the amount to be deposited for the survey of his confirmed private land claim, file No. 50, and that authority and instructions for its survey be given, I have the honor to state my estimate for the purpose as follows:-

Field Work.....$375
Office Work.....75.....$450

Upon receiving the receipts in triplicate of the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé that the first of these amounts has been deposited with him to the credit of the appropriation for surveying the public lands and private land claims in New Mexico, and the second to the credit of the appropriation for clerk hire in the office of the Surveyor General of New Mexico, I will take the necessary steps to survey the claim.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 24, 1870.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to forward by this mail on a roller a Map of New Mexico in compliance with your instructions of September 2.

In order that a map might reach you in time for the publication of your annual report, I have deemed it best to complete one left unfinished by the failure of last year's appropriation. Some corrections and its long exposure on the drawing board renders its appearance less neat and perfect than desired.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 2, 1871.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:—I have the honor to forward herewith for your approval a contract dated December 23, 1870, with R. B. Willison, for the Survey of certain public lands in Southwestern New Mexico, in localities where it is believed there exists the greatest present necessity for such surveys. His previous contract, No. 38, has been completed.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 4, 1871.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:—I have the honor to enclose herewith for settlement the accounts created in this office during the quarter ending the 31st ultimo.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 27, 1871.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:—I have the honor to forward by this mail on a roller the field-notes and plat of surveys executed by deputy surveyor R. B. Willison under his contract of August 30, 1870, and to enclose herewith for settlement the approved account of deputy Willison for said surveys.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 20, 1871.

To the Honorable the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to transmit herewith the semiannual Return of Property belonging to the United States and remaining in the office at the end of December, 1870.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 21, 1871.

Hon. R. W. Taylor, First Comptroller of the Treasury:

Sir:— I have the honor to forward herewith for your use a contract with Robert B. Willison for the survey of certain public lands in this district, which contract has been approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 4, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— An application having been made to this Office by the claimant, Jose L. Perea, for an estimate of the expense of surveying the confirmed private land claim of Jose L. Perea, No. 16, I furnished him the following estimate of executing and perfecting the survey, viz: Field work $375, office work $75, and required him to deposit these amounts in the United States Designated Depository at Santa Fé respectively to the credit of the appropriation for surveying the public land and private land claims and the appropriation for clerk hire in the Office of the Surveyor General of New Mexico.

This he accordingly did, as evidenced by the two accompanying certificates of deposit Nos. 1 and 2.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 4, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the President's order of November 28, 1870, declaring the military Reservation of Fort Selden in this Territory, together with the plat and fieldnotes of the survey of the Reservation.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor-General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 4, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor to report that I returned to my post of duty here on the second instant.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor-General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 11, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:— I have the honor herewith to transmit for your consideration contract No. 40, dated March 10, 1871, with W. W. Griffin for the survey of confirmed private land claim of Jose L. Perea, No. 16, the funds for which survey have been duly deposited, as I advised you on the 4th instant in transmitting the certificates of deposit.

From the best information obtained from the records of this office and from persons familiar with that section of the Territory I am satisfied that a portion of the land called for by the terms of this grant lies within the boundaries of the Beck grant, a prior grant, surveyed in September, 1860.

Herewith please find a sketch showing the supposed relation of these two grants, as well as the overlapping of the Antonchico by the Beck grant, both surveyed under the same contract, dated September 5, 1860.

Finding in this office no instructions relative to such conflicts, I beg leave to ask that I be informed whether contracts may be made to survey whatever area the terms of a grant may call for regardless of previously surveyed grants, or whether they should be limitted to what falls without, connecting subsequent surveys with them, as is done with the public surveys.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor-General.

Las Cruces, New Mexico,
January 14, 1871.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to request that I may be permitted to remain absent from my office in Santa Fé until the 10th of March. While acquainting myself with the southern portion of my district my health is greatly improved by its milder climate. A too early return is deemed very imprudent.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor-General New Mexico.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 31, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond, Commissioner of the General Land Office:

Sir:- Herewith I have the honor to transmit for settlement the accounts created in this office during the quarter ending this day.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
April 13, 1871

M. W. Eaton Esq.

Sir; You will herewith receive a notice of the 10th inst. for the survey of the private Land Claim of José Ramiro Vera, has been approved by the General Land Office. I am, however, instructed by the Commissioner that before the Surveyor proceeds to execute the Contract he notify the owners of the said Private Claim, and of the adjoining Back Claim, with which the former appears to conflict that the survey is about to be made and to call on them to point out the lines of their respective claims, with the privilege of adjusting the conflicts between them. In case they cannot agree you will then proceed to survey and fulfill your Contract. You will be notified when instructions received & Co claimants be ready for survey.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
April 13, 1871

To Hon. Kirby Benedict

Sir; You are hereby notified as the Attorney of José Leandro Perea, in the matter of the survey of his private land claim No 16 on the Rio Puerco, that the contract with M. W. Eaton for said survey has been approved by the general Land Office. There appears to be a conflict between said claim and that of Preston Beck. The Commissioner has given this office instructions, duplicate of which a material portion of which in this connection is herewith furnished you for your information and government, as follows:

" x x x x You are hereby instructed before the Deputy enters upon the Survey of said Perea claim and similar claims as appears from the plats to give notice to the owners of the claims that the survey is about to be executed and call upon them to point out the lines of their respective claims, with the privilege of adjusting conflicts between themselves pro and con as to the lines of their original grant limits, and that unless agreements in writing to such adjustment

If this parties cannot agree then the Deputy will proceed to survey to

survey in accordance with the calls of the grants, as confirmed, giving preference of course to the senior grant. — In other words the junior grant must give to the senior to the extent of the conflict.

After the survey has been returned to your Office you will give notice to all parties interested that the same has been completed and will remain in your Office for ninety days subject to inspection and objection. If objection be made you will report the matter to this Office with your opinion, transmitting all the testimony, pro and con.

You will notify the parties interested of your decision, and that appeal therefrom may be made to this Office." × × × ×

Please acknowledge the receipt of this communication.

Respectfully Your Obt. Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
April 13, 1881

Hon. John S. Watts, as the Attorney of the Heirs of Preston Beck, deceased.

Sir! You are hereby notified, as the Attorney of the Heirs of Preston Beck deceased, that a contract for the survey of the J. L. Perea Compound private land claim No. 16, which appears to conflict with that of Preston Beck No 1 already surveyed, has been approved by the General Land Office, and that the survey is about to be executed. I am directed by the Commissioner to notify and call upon the owners of these two claims as shown by the following extract from his instructions of the 29th ultimo which is furnished you for your information and government.

[See copy in letter to Hon. K. Benedict, ante]

Please acknowledge the receipt of this communication.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
April 20 1881.

Hon. Wm. Sherwood, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir; I have the honor to acknowledge the

receipt of the Patent for the private land claim in this Territory, known as the "Town of Tome," transmitted with your letter of the 5th. inst. to be delivered to the parties entitled. I will deliver or by reliable conveyance forward the Patent to the Prefect of the County of Valencia in which the Town of Tomé is situated.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General

Despacho de Agrimensor General.
Santa Fé, Nuevo Mejico,
Abril 20 de 1871.

Señor Juez de Pruebas
del Condado de Valencia, N. M.

Señor: Tengo el honor de remitir adjunta á V. como autoridad principal de ese Condado la Patente predial expedida por el Gobierno de los Estados Unidos el dia 5 del actual á favor del Comun de Tomé.

Sírvase V. pasarme acuse de su recibo

Muy respetuosamente
T. Rush Spencer,
Agrimensor General de Nuevo Mejico.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
May 6 1871

Hon. First Comptroller of the Treasury

Sir; I have the honor herewith to forward for the use of your Office, the triplicate of a Contract, approved by the General Land Office, with William W. Griffin, for the Survey of a certain Mineral Private Land Claim therein mentioned.

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 6. 1871.

Hon. William Drummond, Commissioner of the General Land Office;

Sir; I have the honor to forward by to days mail six two packages the field notes and plats of private surveys executed by Robert R. Willson under his Contract No. 39 of December 23, 1870, and herewith the approved account for the work.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
May 6, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond, Commissioner of the General Land Office;

Sir; I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt to day from the General Land Office of the Patents for the private land claims in this Territory known as the "Town of Belen," said Patent to be delivered to the parties entitled.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
May 8, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond, Commissioner of the General Land Office;

Sir; I enclose an application of John S. Watts, Attorney for E. W. Eaton, for a resurvey of private land claim No. 19 in this District, and would refer you to a former application forwarded to the General Land Office on the 20th. of June last.

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
May 8. 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond, Commissioner of the General Land Office;

Sir; On receipt of your letter of December 20, 1870, stating that John S. Watts, Attorney for the Heirs of Pablo Montoya, had made application at the General Land Office for

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the survey of confirmed private land claim No. 41 in the name of Pablo Montoya, and requesting me to report the boundaries and extent of the claim, &c. I called upon said Attorney to furnish the information desired. In response he has informed this Office that he has withdrawn from the General Land Office his application referred to, in order to make the same to the Surveyor General. Only the most vague estimate of the extent of the grant can be obtained — this makes it from thirty to forty miles square — It is probable that adjoining claims are taken up on the tract, but it cannot be ascertained with any certainty, so as to determine the boundaries of the grant. It is not believed to contain mineral or to conflict with any reservation. No "diagram of New Mexico sent herewith" was received with your letter. No sketch can well be made.

I forward herewith at his request the letter of Hon. John P. Sanborn withdrawing the application made to your Office.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
J. Pinckney Henderson, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico
May 8, 1871.

No. 10

Hon. Wells Drummond, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. requiring the usual estimates for the current service in this district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873 and giving instructions for the preparation of my next Annual Report.

You refer to directing the preparation of a map to accompany the Annual Report. It is respectfully requested that this may be so modified as will, in lieu to call for a sketch of the surveys made since the map forwarded from this Office in December last, the only modification necessary to make your map complete.

The draughtsman has been employed (since he has been able to have one) with the current work of the Office so as to be unable to complete a map for use and reference here — very much needed in consequence of the age and dilapidation of the only one in the Office.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
J. Pinckney Henderson
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
May 9. 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir: At the request of Judge John S. Watts, I forward herewith a letter addressed by him to you on the subject of the Commissioner's instructions to the Surveyor General of September 11, 1866, concerning the admission of private land claims to the jurisdiction of this Office.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
J. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
May 15, 1871.

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir: In compliance with the instructions of your letter of March 29, approving Contract No. 40. with W. W. Griffin for the survey of the confirmed private Land Claim of Jose L. Perea No. 16, but prescribing certain requirements before declaiching the Surveyor to the field, with the view to an adjustment by the parties, of the conflict of said claim with that of Preston Beck No I, on the 13th instno I notified the attorneys in this City of the tenor of your instructions for their information and government.

On the 28 I. John S. Watts attorney for the heirs of Beck replied. declining to compromise the conflict with the claimant Perea, but from the latter or his Attorney no action or agreement or reply whatever has been received.

As an ample reasonable time has elapsed and no response is received, and as the term within which Mr. Griffin is under bonds to fulfil his Contract approaches its close, I have deemed it my duty to furnish him his instructions, and authorize him to proceed at once to the field and execute the survey according to the calls of the grant.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. Rush Spencer
Surveyor General

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Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
May 15, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir; I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo advising me of the appropriations made by Congress for the surveying service in this District for the ensuing fiscal year and giving instructions for their expenditure.

You advise this Office of the restoration of the Fort Lyon Reservation to the control of the Interior Department by an Act approved February 24, 1871, a copy of which I am unable to obtain.

Please inform this Office whether the Reservation by Executive order as an Indian Reservation, made by President Lincoln January 15, 1864, is regarded as restored to the public domain. As it was abandoned under the treaty of 1868 with the Navajoe Indians and not occupied or apparently needed as a Reservation in the future - its restoration would greatly facilitate the Survey of both the Military and Indian Reservations. Owing to the shape of the Military Reservation, it can only be surveyed, both the Eastern and Western sides extended in order to include lots, necessitating a similar condition in the surrounding surveys.

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
May 15, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir; I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo advising me of the appropriations made by Congress for the surveying service in this District for the ensuing fiscal year and giving instructions for their expenditure

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
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Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
May 15, 1871.

W. W. Griffin Esqr.
United States Deputy Surveyor

Sir: Referring to my letter to you of the 13th. ultimo stating that instructions, according to the Commissioners instructions, the José L. Perea private land claim No. 16 should be ready for survey under your Contract of March 10, 1871, you would be notified thereof, I have now to authorize you to proceed to the execution of the survey.

You will receive herewith the printed Manuals of Surveying instructions issued by the General Land Office in 1850 and 1864, to be used for your guidance in making the survey as far as applicable.

The tract of land to be surveyed is understood to lie on the Pecos River in San Miguel County, and consists of four square leagues. The following extract from the title papers is furnished you for your guidance in making the survey

" * * * marking out one league in each direction commencing on the North at the junction of the Arroyo de los Esteros with the Pecos river, and from the termination of this league as a Center the distance on the remaining three directions be marked out: * * * "

You are furnished herewith, to be returned with your notes a sketch map of the ground supposed to be covered by this grant, as well as of the country in the vicinity, showing the Pecos river, and the junction with it of what is supposed to be the Esteros Arroyo referred to in the Grant; the South boundary of the Pecos River Grant, Main and the lines and descriptions of corners of the public surveys in the vicinity.

Before commencing the survey you will carefully and fully satisfy yourself if necessary by the testimony of witnesses that the Esteros laid down on the accompanying sketch map, or the Esteros you may find to be the ones which is identical with the Esteros mentioned in the grant, and having established the fact you will determine the point of junction with the Pecos River, and will then erect an earthen mound, suitable and durable corner, denoting in your notes the position of the same by course and distance from said point of junction. The said corner you will erect in the form of a mound 24 X 12 X 3 inches in size firmly set in the ground. This stone you will plainly and clearly mark with the letters [Perea Grant Big. Cor.]

and will describe the same by witness or bearing trees if any be within a reasonable distance, and by the bearing and distance of some prominent permanent Natural object if any be found convenient and available for the purpose.

From the initial point thus ascertained and established, you will run West one league (5000 varas of thirty-three American inches i.e. two miles, forty-eight chains, thirty-three and one third links); South two leagues, East two leagues, North two leagues, and West to the beginning, placing as you proceed at the end of every mile on Each course stones not less than 20 x 10 x 3 inches in size, bearing durably cut, on the North face on East and West lines, and on the West face on North and South lines a number corresponding with the number of miles the stone shall stand from said initial point, and at Each angle of the survey you will erect stones in the ground not less than 24 x 12 x 3 inches in size bearing on their outward faces respectively the letters N. W. Cor., S. W. Cor., S. E. Cor., and S. W. Cor. At each of the corners you will take and mark bearing trees if any within a reasonable distance as prescribed by the printed Manuals already mentioned, each of which you will mark facing on spot with the letters or marks corresponding with those upon the Corner stone they are intended to witness.

It is believed the lines of the Perez survey will not interfere with the public surveys and of the Preston Bank Claim, should any such interferences occur, you will in each case note the distances of such point of contact to the nearest corner on the line crossed, duly describing the corner, and will establish a corner at the point of intersection as required in the Manual. Should the lines of your survey not intersect any of the lines of previous surveys, you will then proceed to the nearest public survey and from some corner of those nearest your survey you will run a blank connecting line thence to the nearest corner to be run on the line of the grant survey, describing said blank line by course and distance, and in like manner the point of contact with respect to the nearest corner on the public survey.

Should you find it necessary to take testimony in regard to any matter connected with this survey, you will examine all witnesses under oath, and reduce their testimony to writing and transmit it with your

Respectfully your Obedient Servant

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Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 31, 1871

Hon. Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir; I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your printed instructions of the 22nd instant on the subject of Private Claims

Very respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
June 1, 1871.

Chas. Emmett Esq.
Register of United States Land Office at Santa Fe, New Mexico

Sir;

I am requested for deposit in your Office the following townships plats of recent surveys in this district, heretofore filed in this office, viz:—

Township 19 South of Range 19 West
Township 19 South of Range 20 West
Township 22 South of Range 18 West
Township 22 South of Range 19 West
Township 23 South of Range 18 West
Township 23 South of Range 19 West
Township 24 South of Range 19 West

Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
June 5, 1871.

Hon. John S. Watts,

Sir; You will find with your letter of instruction, as Attorney for the Pueblo Indians, an estimate of the expense of the survey of the grant at Nos. 1, in behalf

in order that the same so estimated may be deposited and a survey of the claim executed, I have to state that I estimate.

For the Field Work $1500.00
" " Office work 150.00
$1650.00

Upon your filing with me a satisfactory bond to make good any deficiency in amount which might occur from an underestimate should any such appear when the true amount of the expense shall be ascertained, and upon receiving the Certificates in triplicate of the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé that the said $1500 has been deposited with him to the credit of the Appropriation for the survey of private land claims in New Mexico; and the said $150 to the credit of the Appropriation for Work done in the Office of the Surveyor General of New Mexico, I will proceed to have a survey of the claim executed.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
June 14, 1871.

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Hon. John S. Watts.
Attorney for heirs of Luis M. Baca

Sir; Complying now with your request of the 5th. inst. that this Office furnish you an estimate of the expense of surveying Location No 1 of the heirs of Luis M. Baca, and upon deposit of the amount of such estimate order a survey of said location, I have to state that I estimate:

For the Field Work $800.00
For the Office Work 50.00
$850.00

Whenever Certificates of Deposit in triplicate of the designated Depositary at Santa Fé, for these amounts respectively to the credit of the appropriation for the survey of private land claims in New Mexico, and for work done in the Office of the Surveyor General of New Mexico, shall be filed with me, I will have the lands duly surveyed.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 14, 1871.

Hon. J. S. Wells

Sir: In reply to your letter of the 5th. instant, requesting as Attorney for the heirs of Baca an estimate of the expenses of surveying and an order for the survey of confirmed private land claim No. 44, known as the Ojo del Espiritu Santo; you are advised that I estimate

For the Field Work $1500.00
For the Office Work 150.00
$1650.00

Upon your filing with me a satisfactory bond to make good any deficiency in amount in this estimate should any such deficiency appear when the true amount of the work & expense of said survey shall be ascertained, and upon receiving certificates in triplicate of the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé that the first of said estimated amounts has been deposited with him to the credit of the appropriation for the survey of private land claims in New Mexico, and the second to the credit of the appropriation for clerk hire in the Office of the Surveyor General of New Mexico, I will issue the said private land claims duly surveyed.

Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
J. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 16, 1871.

Hon. Wm. Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office;

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular letter of the 5th. instants.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant.
J. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 19, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the Genl. Land Office

Sir: In reply to your Circular letter of the 9th. inst. requiring an estimate of paper needed in this Office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872, I have the honor to state, that the supply now on hand will no doubt be sufficient.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office.
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 20. 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: I have the honor herewith to transmit my semi-annual Returns of Property belonging to the United States, and remaining in this Office, this day.

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 20. 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: I have the honor to forward herewith, for settlement the pay and incidental expense accounts created in this Office during the fiscal quarter ending this day. ...

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer
Surveyor Genl.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
July 1, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Sir: I am requested by the Attorneys for the Claimants in the case of the Mora grant to forward to your Office the enclosed petition to the Commissioner with its accompanying documents asking that the survey of that claim as executed and returned into by Deputy Surveyor, Thomas Wans be approved. I forward also on a roller the plat of the survey as returned by Deputy Wans, and also a certified transcript of the field notes of the survey.

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
J. Ross Browne, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
July 3, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office:

Sir: I have the honor herewith to forward for your approval a Contract this day entered into with Jotin Gaudet for the Survey of Private Land Claim No. 41, and also enclose a letter from Judge Wilson.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
J. Ross Browne, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
July 3, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir:

Hon. John S. Watts, Attorney for the claimants of the Pablo Montoya confirmed private land claim No. 41 having applied for an Order for surveying and protecting the survey of that claim the same was forwarded him, and he now [illegible]

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field work $1500, Office work, $150. The certificates of the deposit of these sums with the designated Depositary at Santa Fé, respectively to the credit of the appropriations for surveying the public lands and private land claims, and of the appropriation for clerk hire in the Surveyor General's Office, are herewith received.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Note:— In a note to your circular letter of February 7. 1871, you say "Report no accounts for clerical services out of Special Deposits, until further advised". Is this still in force?

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico
July 15, 1871.

Vol 29

Wm. W. Griffin, Esq.
United States Deputy Surveyor.

Sir: The field notes of the survey of the José L. Perea grant No. 16 returned to this Office by you on the 30th ultimo under your contract No. 40 of March 10, 1871, are found upon examination to be defective in one important and several minor particulars, and you are hereby directed to return to the field and make the necessary corrections on the ground so as to conform the execution of the survey with the requirements of your Contract and of the special instructions from this Office of May 13.

Your failure to take as the point of departure for this survey the point of junction of the Perea & Cebolleta with the west Perea line instead of the corner witnessing it, as shown by the notes returned, is fatal to the admission of your work.

Upon your return to the field you will ascertain and state in your notes the course and distance by said point of junction from the corner already established and described by you opposite the mouth of the Estero, and thence run and mark thence the boundaries as required by said instructions, noting, as you proceed, the streams & mountains they now stand to their due positions in the corrected survey, fully describing, as far as practicable all traces of the former ones so substituted, changing also to conform to the said corrected survey all notes & plats depending thereon.

The other defects above referred to are less serious, and your attention having been called to them in the Office, your notes will be expected to be free from all of them.

It is decided, the East boundary of this survey crosses a township line (T. 9 & 10 North, Range 22 East). Your notes do not show whether such is the fact, or whether a meander was made for and at the corresponding. You will ascertain and state in your notes whether such a line is crossed, and if so note the point of intersection as required by your instructions of May 15, which instructions are hereby so modified, as to require you to note only the intersections with standard, and range and township lines of the public surveys.

Your instructions furnished you, as they are, for your guidance and those employed in executing this survey together with the printed Surveying Manual, must be strictly observed and complied with.

You will, without delay, proceed to make the corrections herein required, and will make your return of the corrected survey at the Earliest Time practicable.

Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
July 25, 1871

any error among the papers in the claim stated or explained. It is known only that the land lies on Rio Arriba, and that there are four points mentioned for boundaries, and they are, to wit, the "Rincon de la Cuesta", the "Arroyo del Cuervo", the "Mule Spring", the "Arroyo del Cuervo" and the "Mule Spring".

The ascertainment of the localities of these boundary objects and of their identity with those named in the grant is a part of the duties of your office as Deputy Surveyor under authority and instructions of the Surveyor General's Office; and owing to the very limited information necessarily in possession of this Office, the duty thus devolving upon you as contractor and surveyor, is, without case a very important and responsible one.

The tract of land to be surveyed lies in the County of Santa Fe in the northeastern part of said County, and is described as bounding from the "Rincon de la Cuesta to the Arroyo del Cuervo to the Mule Spring". In the statement of boundaries made by the Surveyor General in his decision above referred to, the boundaries are described as "to the Rincon de la Cuesta in the County of Taos, the boundaries being from the Cuesta to the Cuesta to the Sandia or Tanchera Creeks and from the Arroyo del Cuervo to the Mule Spring". The allegation in the petition for adjudication states in his position that "the grant bounded as aforesaid the said Rincon de la Cuesta in the County of Rio Arriba, and on the other sides from the Arroyo Cuervo to the Mule Spring", and further states that said boundaries form natural and marks well known & easily proven."

It appears from the above cited, the only one of the boundary objects whose locus is stated is the Rincon de la Cuesta "a point in the mountain known as". From which record in the locality of that spot on the river and various distances according to the Surveyor General's statement of boundaries of the grant.

The investigation and determination of the locality and identity of the land of the Cuestas, and of the other calls of the grant is the most important and responsible of the duties devolving to you. The proper discharge may involve much of your time and attention, both the importance of the interests depending upon your correct determination in the premises requires it.

In taking testimony for the ascertainment and identification of the calls of the grant or either of them you will examine under oath disinterested witnesses of long residence and acquaintance

attended to by you in the case, then you will note your action to ascertain and will state in your report of the examination. Then drive stakes you will proceed to writing, and this testimony being first sworn to and subscribed by each witness examined, you will return to this office with same, and.

The surveyor you shall take with assistants to the ground called for in the grant you will take especial care that he executes and explicitly to satisfy not only this but also the Surveyor-General's office. And should you find necessary the services of an interpreter in the taking of the testimony you will in like manner swear him to the faithful discharge of his duty.

Having ascertained and identified the boundary calls of the grant you will commence [illegible] your survey at the Rincon de la Cintura on the Chimayo and run thence in a direct line to the Juniper Creek, so called in the Surveyor-General's decision, thence to the Arroyo del Cuervo, thence in a direct line to the Pinal Spring, and thence in like manner to the place of beginning.

In regard to the variation and correcting the survey you must bear and have to note, you are herewith furnished a sketch map of the ground supposed to be covered by this grant, as well as of the country in the vicinity, showing the Colorado River and the topographical features of the country, copies of the testimony taken, and field notes of the survey and portion of the Pueblo Grant survey to which you will refer. This sketch you are returned to this office with your notes, bearing hand upon it the astronomical & Magnetic variation by you ascertained.

Should you survey and locate said Peck grant, survey the Grant in conformity to the decision of the Surveyor General, you will note the variation upon it ascertained and shown by the [illegible] of 1855. In case of doubt concerning the variation, and provided that the variation shall [illegible] and not be found by observation, [illegible] and should no other observation be made

After you shall have ascertained the Rincon de la Cintura as the beginning point you will then proceed to establish the corner to the next point, [illegible] at the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

distances, marking trees or other objects near the corners, and noting the bearing and distance thereto of some prominent permanent object if any convenient and available for the purpose. Should no objects be found and determined for the beginning corner of the Rancho de la Cieta not admit of the establishment of the ordinary four corners, you will in that case set a witness corner of the size and description and in the manner above required at the nearest eligible accessible point, the distances to which determined and noted as beginning corners and described in course and distance its location relative to the said beginning corner.

On your arrival at the point assigned determined as aforesaid for the first corner you will place at the end of your chain a stone not less than 20×10×3 inches in size, each bearing suitable cut on the north face one inch in width and two lines and on the east face one inch in width and two lines a number corresponding with the number of miles the stone shall mark from the beginning corner of the survey. At each corner on the line you will set down in the ground stones not less than 24×12×3 inches in size bearing respectively cut on the witness to the corner N.E.Cor. S.E.Cor. S.W.Cor. and N.W.Cor or otherwise as the relation of the corner to the cardinal points may require. At each one of these corners you will take and mark bearing trees, &c., and if necessary establish and describe witness corners as in the case of the beginning corner.

The law of Congress confirming this grant passed but six days each chain, contains to and including the last it passes to within the same, and describe in your notes and mark and bound a description in the grant. It is believed the lines of the Montoya survey will cross those of the public surveys, but not probably any surveyed section or private grant. Should any such intersection occur you will in each case note the distance of such point of contact to the nearest corner on the line passed, whether this be a quarter section or a subdivisional line and will establish a corner at the point of intersection as required in the former cases.

But should the lines of the grant survey not intersect any of those of the public surveys, you will then, for the purpose of connecting it with the latter proceed to the nearest public corner, and from some corner of the grant survey as above, run the connecting line thereto, to the nearest corner with which to connect the grant survey describing the said blank line in your notes by course and distance under the head "Connection with Public Surveys" and in like manner the point of reaching the grant survey at which to begin connecting lines.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant,

S. Post Surveyor

Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
July 27, 1871.

Hon. Kirby Benedict
Santa Fé, New Mexico

Sir: The survey of the José L. Perea confirmed, private land claim No. 16, conflicting in the field notes with that of Preston Beck No. 1 having been returned by the Surveyor to this Office on the 25th. instant, you as the Attorney of the present claimant are hereby notified of the fact under the following extract from a letter of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office to the present Surveyor dated March 29, 1871, viz:

" × × × × After the survey has been returned to your office you will cause notice to be given to all interested that the same has been completed and will remain in your office for ninety days subject to inspection and objection. If objection be made you will report the matter to this office with your opinion, transmitting all the testimony in the case.

You will notify the parties interested of your decision and that appeal therefrom may be made to this Office. × × × "

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
A. Wislizenus Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
July 27. 1871.

Hon. Kirby Benedict
Santa Fé, New Mexico

Sir; The survey of the José L. Perea confirmed private land claim No. 16 conflicting in the field notes with that of Preston Beck No. 1. having been returned by the Surveyor to this Office, on the 25th. instant you as the Attorney of the present claimant under the latter, are hereby notified of the fact under the following extract from a letter of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office to the Surveyor General dated March 29. 1871, viz:

[See copy of extract in letter to Benedict supra]

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
A. Wislizenus
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
August 2. 1851.

No. 34

Hon. R. C. Paulin,
Superintendent Indian Affairs

Sir; I have the honor herewith to enclose for the use of your office triplicate of a contract with Simeon Ortiz for the survey of a certain confirmed private land claim (Pablo Montoya No. 41) together with a copy of the instructions given to the Deputy Surveyor who executed the survey.

Very respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
J. Nash Smith, U. S. Surveyor

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
August 22 1851

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th. ultimo informing me that the public surveys cannot be extended over the Rancho de Sonde reserved "for the Pueblo Indians of Santa Fé" unless the authority for such extension has been previously obtained.

Please advise me whether I am to understand your authority to me to survey the military reservation mentioned in your letter of April 28, 1851. Should not the survey be suspended until the reservation has been established?

Very respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
J. Nash Smith, Surveyor

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé New Mexico
August 27, 1851.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner General Land Office

Sir; I am advised that the Indians of Santa Fé

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August 21, 1871

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Estimate

Of the Treasurer General of the Administration required for the ensuing financial year ending June 30, 1893.

Ordinary Account.

For salaries of Governor's staff	$ 5,000.00
" " Civil Service	2,000.00
" " Executive and Judicial	2,000.00
" " Secretary of Interior	1,800.00
" " two Draughtsmen @ $1,200 each	2,400.00
" " two Clerks @ $900 each	1,800.00

Capital Account.

For Public Buildings, Improvements and Repairs	$ 5,000

Permanent Account.

For Public Surveys — Base, Standard Parallels,
Exterior Principal and Subdivision lines . . . $ 6,000.00
Private Claim Surveys — Price to be charged for
Original Surveys, under act of June 22, 1874 10,000.00

Estimate of Public Surveys in the Territory required during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893

For Public Surveys — Base, Standard Parallels,
Exterior Principal and Subdivision lines . . . $ 6,000.00
For Private Surveys — Price to be charged for
Original Surveys, under act of June 22, 1874 10,000.00
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Original Surveys, under act of June 22, 1874 10,000.00

Base Line - extension to East Boundary Rhode Island

192 miles @ $15 . . . . . 2.880

Second Correction Line North — Extension to East Boundary

of Territory, 48 miles @ $15 . . . . . 720.

Fourth Correction Line North — extension to East Boundary

of the Territory, 72 miles @ $15 1080

Eastern Boundary of Territory between the Missouri and Red

River, North to the mouth of Pembina River

288 miles, 192 miles @ $12 2304

Eastern Boundary of Territory between the Missouri and Red

River, North from the mouth of Pembina River

to Canadian line, 92 miles @ $12 1104

Subdivision of the Boundaries between the Second and

Fourth Correction Lines, Main meridian

600 miles @ $10 6000

Subdivision of the Territory between the Missouri

River and the Rocky Mountains

North from Base Line, Main meridian

River, 600 miles @ $10 6000

Surveyor General's Office

Santa Fe New Mexico

August 22, 1871

Hon. Chas Delano

Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir; I have the honor to transmit herewith the approved accounts of Subdivisional surveys executed under the Contract of March 10, 1871.

As in former cases I have withheld the approval of such lines as were run in violation of the instructions of this office, but would be glad to do the reverse if such surveys could only be so. Each of these lines is run in accordance with the instructions given to the Deputy Surveyors

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

S. [illegible]

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Survey thereof after the approval of the necessary plans, Drawings and Estimate.

For the Field Work $450
For the Office Work 100
$ 550.

Herewith Contract & Bond in triplicate of the Designated Deputy and Assistant for three Months to the Surveyor General for the Survey of Private Land Claims in New Mexico and for the Office Work in the Surveyor Generals Office, together with Bond to make and due Return of the Survey, and Oath of Office, I am

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Surveyor General;

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
September 21. 1871.

Hon. Ulysses Grummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir; Herewith I have the honor to transmit Contract No. 13. with the undersigned Deputy Surveyor Private Claim No. 35. Known as the "Cañon de Agua" granted by Antonio Armijo to Francisco Sandoval & the necessary Bond for the Survey of the Claim, & Estimate Amounting to $450 for Field Work and $100 for Office Work;

I have the honor also to transmit herewith Designated Deputy Surveyor Contract with the Private Land Claim known as the Cañon de Agua No. 42 Bond in the sum of $1000 for the Survey of the Claim and Oath of Office.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
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Surveyor General;

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Mad dentro de este, de nuestro muy querido Señor Presidente
Virgue, aunque con este letras sonrisa nuevo.

En este manera he sido apoyado Hotel de Gouvernement Territorial
mente de Grand Jay préparé mal pour les accommodement aux diagonal de
ste Land-Company, de dicente Compagnie de Commerce de Saint Francisco
& Londo Company aux autres Hotel Commerciaux de Saint Francisco
Land Company, de Commerce & Commerciaux de Saint Francisco
de Commerce pour y de ses Successeurs.

Dans Pour Excy.

David J. Porter, Executor

Ex. A. L. N. Amy
Santa Fé

Surrogate's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico
October 10 1891.

Ken. Mrs. Drummond,
Cimarron, Colfax Co.,

Sir; I beg leave to submit for your decision the question
presented by your letter of the 29th ult.

A decision of the case seems to depend
upon the construction to be given to the
will of Lucien B. Maxwell, deceased. He left a widow
Luciana Maxwell and seven children by her, and also
by a former wife, Luz Beaubien, two children, Pablo
Beaubien and Rosalia Beaubien, who married Joseph
Doyle, both of whom died before the testator, leaving
children surviving them. By the will the widow
was given the use of the homestead, and the
residue of the estate was given to the children
of Pablo and Rosalia, per stirpes. The widow
died in January, 1889, and Lucien B. Maxwell died
March 25, 1891.

The question is whether the children of Pablo
and Rosalia take the shares of their parents
under the will, or whether they take only
such shares as they would have received
had their parents survived the testator. Under

the circumstances the instructions had to be made as best they could.

The Deputy after a visit to the locality reported the impossibility of making a survey according to the instructions, as well as clearly showing a great misapprehension as to the locality of the grant, and its calls.

In order to ascertain definitely the points called for in the grant and their relation one to the other as well as the probable extent of the grant he was directed to make a reconnoisance; taking the necessary testimony to establish the calls of the grant and report to this Office.

A copy of the testimony taken and a sketch map of the grant showing the relative position of the different points named as the calls of the grant are forwarded herewith.

A glance at the latter will serve to, it is believed, four different methods in which the survey may be made.

First:— According to the sketch of the Deputy

Second:— By lines running direct from point to point named in the calls of the grant

Third:— By making a square or parallelogram taking the most Northern de la Cinta as the Northernmost point of grant, running a line East and West through it to connect with North and South lines running through Kindersley mile East and the mouths of the Arroyo del Cuervo on the West to connect with a line through mouths of Guinchiva Creek.

Fourth: By running arbitrary lines to connect the calls through the points Ramon de la Cinta and the [illegible] adopting angles to a line between these two points said [illegible] connecting the parallel lines through [illegible] Arroyo del Cuervo and Mouth of Arroyo ascertained in like manner by a line between these two points.

The great discrepancy in the amounts included by these different methods causes me to feel [illegible] to have the [illegible] determined.

In order that an additional sketch and personal report, I deem it proper to await upon advices before proceeding to make final survey.

An answer by Telegraph would facilitate the Survey.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. [illegible] Surveyor
Contra Costa

[See next page for Copy of sketch]

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Sketch

of

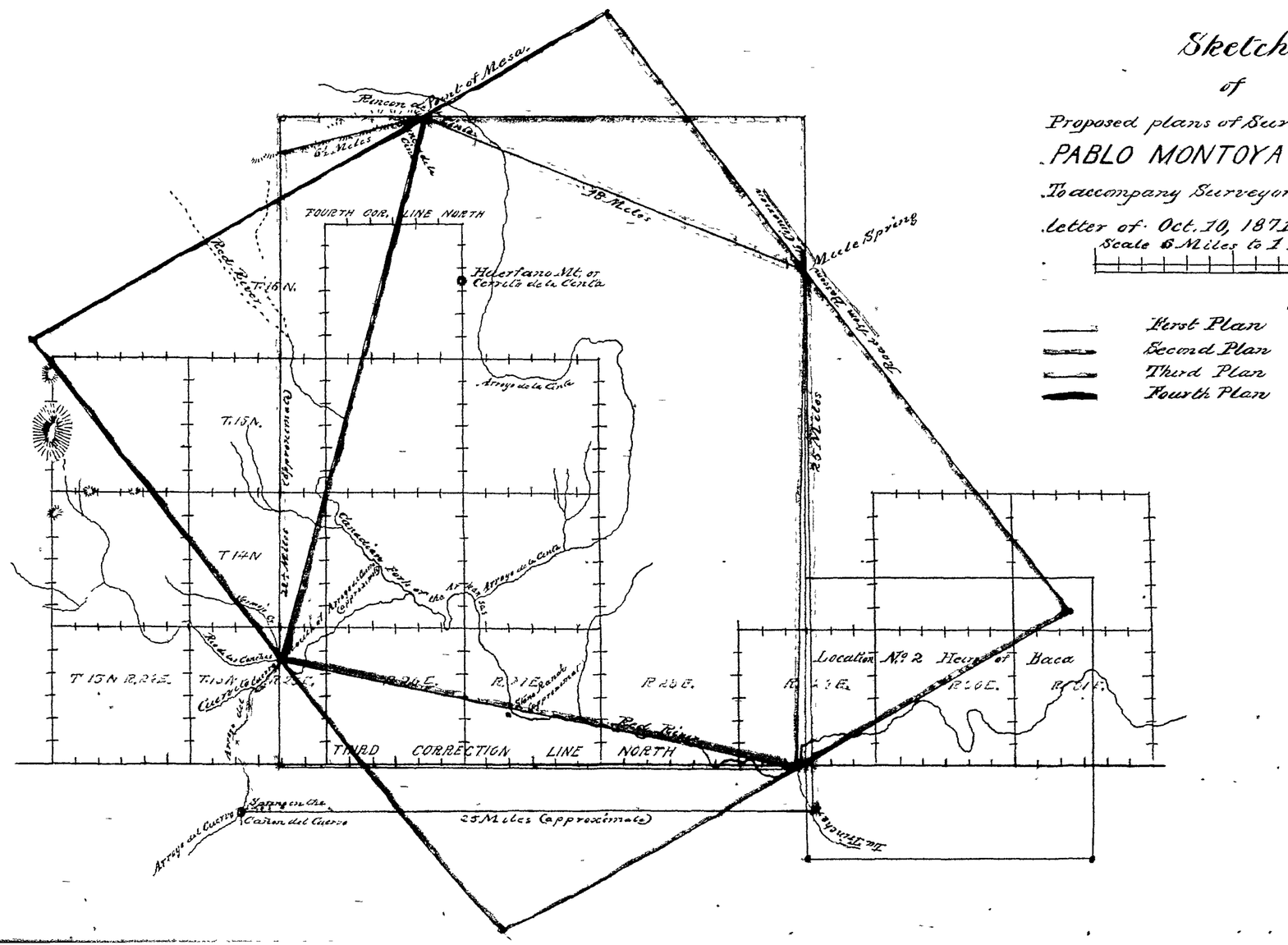
Proposed plans of Survey of the

PABLO MONTOYA GRANT

To accompany Surveyor General's

letter of Oct. 10, 1871.

Scale 6 Miles to 1 Inch.



Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
October 12, 1871.

No 56

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from Surveyor General Pradt to the Surveyor General asking an extension of time from the 15th of November next for the completion of the survey of the Montoya grant, and to recommend that the extension be granted.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
F. [illegible] Pradt
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
October 12, 1871

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst, and in compliance therewith to forward for the Official Register for 1871 the following information regarding the Surveyor General of New Mexico and employees in his office

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
F. [illegible] Pradt
Surveyor General

Name	Nativity	Position	Where Employed	Salary	Where Appointed
F. [illegible] Pradt	New York	Surveyor Gen.	Santa Fe	3000	New York
David J. Miller	Columbia	Chief Clerk & Draftsman	Santa Fe	2000	New Mexico
William Pohlike	Germany	Deputy	Santa Fe	1500	New Mexico
Preston Jones	[illegible]	Messenger	Santa Fe	960	New Mexico

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
October 17, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: In reply to your "letter of the 6th. instant acknowledging the receipt of my annual report" unaccompanied by map showing the progress of surveys" in this District, I have the honor to state that no maps was received owing to the non-receipt here of the map of 1870. Your letter of the 23rd of May last informed me that "the map of last year will be returned to your Office in time to enable you to prepare from the surveys of the present fiscal year and retransmit the same with your Annual Report for 1870."

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
S. Tinsley Shearer, Surveyor general.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
October 18, 1871.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: I have the honor to forward by this mail six packages for the Cabinet of the General Land Office, silver ore and other specimens from various sections of this Territory, and herewith a descriptive memorandum list of the same.

For the specimens of ore and two of coal and for the petrifaction I am indebted to Mr. Francis Stromberg now of Silver City. Locality of which the specimen was referred to in this paper accompanying my last Annual Report. For the specimen of coal from near Fort Wingate I am indebted to Col. J. Milne Wade of this City, and for the sample of asphaltum, (so designated for convenience of reference) to Colonel Nathaniel Pope, Superintendent of Indian Affairs. A careful analysis of this by your Chemist, would define the question of its value, and possible basis to its utilization, and I request thank you for a statement of the result.

[Article named package having miscarried in the mail, another package, without letter sent December 2.]

Very respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
S. Tinsley Shearer, Surveyor general.

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Descriptive Memorandum List

Of Specimens sent to the General Land Office by Surveyor General of New-Mexico with letter of October 18, 1871.

Silver Flat District.

Specimen marked No. 1.— Robert E. Lee lode. Vein not yet well defined. About 4 feet wide. Strike 30 feet deep. Rich surface silver ore. Character of the ore changing. Will very likely become same as Logan Tender ore.

Specimen marked No. 2.— Logan Tender lode. Vein 3 feet wide. Trace defined. Depth 32 feet deep. Ore mixed ore. Assays from $200 to $800.

Specimen marked No. 3.— New Jersey lode. Same general run of mineral. Vein 4 feet wide. Depth 5 feet deep, mixed ore.

Specimen marked No. 4.— Minnehaha lode. Surface ore. Vein wide but irregular. Depth 20 feet deep. Disintegrating ore. Not very rich.

Specimen marked No. 5.— From one of a large number, about 150, of the mines in the district in which a specimen of silver is the character. Specimens taken from depth of 30 feet & rich.

Chloride District.

Specimen marked No. 6.— From Rough ores.

Specimen marked No. 7.— Average ore.

Corona del Pueblo, or Socorro District.

Specimen marked, Abbey.— From Abbey lode. Depth 10 feet deep. Shows vein of about 15 inches of grey sulphuret ore mixed with some carbonate of lead. Carries rich surface ore. The Southern & Northern limits are at 5 feet depth.

Specimens marked, Sophia.— From Sophia lode. Depth 35 feet deep, but shows no regular vein and no gray sulphurets. Vein somewhat decomposed or shattered. Surface ore very rich. White fluor spar carrying chloride. Vein not probably very extensive.

Specimen marked, Great Eastern.— From Great Eastern lode. Depth not but shows about 2 - 3 feet, the ore carrying grey sulphurets. Specimens well.

Specimen marked, Carlos.— From Carlos lode. Depth 5 feet deep.

shows well defined lead and zinc ores. The mine can be made to produce from 5 to 8 tons of good ore per day.

Specimen marked "Hester." — From Hester lode. Shaft 5 feet deep. Shows iron ore but as yet no defined ledge.

Specimen marked Reinhart. — From Reinhart lode. Shaft 16 feet deep. Shows about the same ore as the Cedar and is probably on the same vein. The lead carries about 4 feet of iron ore and could supply 8 to 10 tons of ore per day. Very good mine.

Specimen marked Santa Juliana. — From Santa Juliana lode. Seems good ore (No description accompanied specimen).

Specimen marked Coal. — From a dipping at about 12 miles South of Corona del Sierra mine. Taken from coal bed of over 30 feet dipping down at an inclination of 60°. Very impure and evidently upheaved and distorted.

Other Localities.

Specimen marked Coal, San Antonio. — From a coal bed of great extent and excellent quality situated east of the Rio del Norte in Socorro County 40 miles East of the Cerros del Pueblo mines. The bed shows at the indications of the true formation and covers an area of 10 to 12 square miles.

Specimen marked Petrifaction from San Antonio Coal Mines — From the Coal bed last mentioned.

Specimen marked Coal near Fort Bascom. — From a coal bed situated about 15 miles South East from Fort Bascom in San Miguel County. Surface sample; said to be abundant and of good quality.

Specimen marked Lead ore. — From a natural excavation in a ledge of limestone cropping about twenty miles Southwest of Fort Union in Mora County, being an elevation of about forty feet, from which to twenty miles extends, and extending North and South about forty miles. (Not for want of the ore but because not at present accessible. A thorough examination will determine its character and utility.

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Instructions.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
October 28, 1871.

M. H. Grigsby Esq.
U. S. Deputy Surveyor

Sir: You are hereby notified that the approval by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of your Contract for a survey of the Antonio Sandoval Continued private land claim No. 35, and are authorized to proceed to the execution of the survey.

You will receive herewith the printed manuals of surveying instructions issued by the General Land Office, by which as well as these special instructions you will be guided and governed in your work.

The tract of land to be surveyed is known as the "Reyes de Apache" grant, and lies on both sides of the Rio Puerco of the West between the Cañon de Socorro, Arroyo and a point on the Sierra de Valverde (Cerro Amendariz) grants on the North and West, and extends between two leagues on either side, the first course being a segment of the boundaries of the land to be surveyed as appears from the act of possession executing the grant, viz:—

"Specifying as boundaries on the North a monument of stone and mud which was erected where Socorro was granted; the two boundaries being adjoining, said monument being the dividing line, and on the South following down the course of the river to a point where it is intercepted by the boundaries of Valverde being also adjoining, on the East the two leagues mentioned in the foregoing petition and on the West two leagues more as therein mentioned."

The Socorro and Valverde grants being mentioned as the Northern and Southern limits of the grant to be surveyed, it is necessary for you to ascertain and establish definitely and reliably these boundaries. The Office is unable to furnish you further than I have already done, any information in regard to the Socorro grant beyond what is given here, but as it appears from the act of possession of the Sandoval Grant, that that boundary is a stone and mud monument, this you will be able readily to find and identify on the ground. The Northern boundary of the Valverde or Amendariz grants (for it appears there are two grants adjoining this grant on the East and so designated) you will learn from the following statement of the limits of those grants, lying

On the East and West sides of the Rio Grande, being courses from the Cities thereof to those Countries, viz:—

Valverde Grant on West Side of River.— Beginning at the head (mouth) of Valverde on the opposite side of the river the first boundary being opposite to the Mezquita del Contadero where said head (mouth) joins the hills, the second the little Spring of the Cañas Verdes distant about three leagues and is in the direction of the point of the Cuchillo mountain which runs below Socorro from the aforementioned little Spring, that is from its source one league to the east, two leagues to the north and three leagues to the west and returning to the source of the said little Spring, drawing a straight line to the little mountains of San Pascual the boundary being the termination of the aforesaid little head where the river again joins the hills on the same side of the river.

Valverde Grant on East Side of River.— On the table land (mesica) del Coulador there is a peak or knob which is mine and from this point I desire you to have the goodness to grant to me in a southwardly direction following the water line of the Rio Grande del Norte on the same side of Valverde to a point where the little mountain of Fray Cristoval joins the river being the crossing point on said river and from the aforementioned point of the little mountain over its summit to the hill called Del Muerto which is on one side of the little lake called Del Senito including the said Muerto Spring in the possession and from its source two leagues in each direction and from the termination of the distance to the South the line is to continue to the Anaya Spring which is mine and from this point two leagues to the South in such that the line running from the Muerto Spring may terminate at the boundary of the said two leagues and from thence three leagues to the East, and from this termination the line is to continue coming down over the lower point of the Sandia mountain and terminate on the river at the little hills that are isolated from said mountains which are mine and which are near the ferried road on the side of the Apache Wood (Bosque del Apache).

Additional Grant, East Side.— In the first place the water line of the Rio Grande del Norte, in the second the peak or knob that is on the table land of the Contadero which is the boundary termination of the aforementioned bottom or valley, which lies in the direction of the pine called Fray Cristoval, and drawing a straight line to the little Spring named Guaiacho included in the termination,

and to the third corner; and running a straight line from this point to the line of the Pascual the first bounding to be the line previously described from those directions and which is in the direction of the river and towards the bottom or valley aforesaid San Pascual and the Apaches Woods (Bosque de Apaches).

In brief the grant is bounded as follows: On the North by the South line of the Socorro grant, running two leagues in each direction from the center of the River: On the South by the North line of the Valverde grant in like manner projected two leagues each way from the River the extremities of these lines connected by parallel lines at due bearings four leagues distant one from the other.

You thus have the boundaries and limits of the tract to be surveyed as being on the North, an Easterly and Westerly line running through the monument of stone and mortar mentioned as the South boundary of the Socorro grant, running due East and West two leagues from the Rio Grande river to the Western Valverde corner, on the South along the North boundaries of the said Valverde grant, and on the West a line from the Western Valverde grant parallel with the river four leagues distant from the same.

For the purpose of identifying and ascertaining the monuments intended as the Corner boundary of this grant, you are hereby sworn on oath competent disinterested witnesses, in the event same may be found in abundance in the vicinity, and their testimony in evidence to writing, and these rules shall be signed by the witnesses you will return to this Office in open lots for this. You shall be at liberty to employ your own chainmen, but they must be sworn, and to work right and not only this but be governed and obey; and whenever you find necessary the services of an interpreter, you will take care that the person employed be competent and the oath you administer shall be duly sworn as interpreter.

[illegible] and identifying the said Corner monuments and boundaries, which shall be [illegible] and [illegible] to be [illegible] and in the event [illegible] and

[illegible] bearing and distance to one or more permanent natural objects if any or monuments as well as bearing trees as prescribed in the Manual.

At initial point of [illegible] Commence at the corner of the Reserve and thence exclusive of the Reserve by Chains of said monument or its substitute, where position is to be marked in such manner as to avoid interference with the survey of Indian Reserve, meandering the line as you proceed. You will thus find a true line from the commencement of the Reserve boundary may require or omit to a point two leagues East for the Northeast corner. You will then proceed to the boundary on the river of the Wabamde grant and extend a blank line thereon, meandering the Wabamde grant to a point two leagues distant to a point the river in Northeast Corner and thence run a true line to the Northwest Corner, crossing it back and marking it to the Southwest Corner from which you will mark the line as run thence to the Corner of the River, and thence run and mark along the line of the Wabamde grant to the point of commencement, thence run to the Northeast Corner, and thence run and mark the Northeast Corner and run thence a random line to the Southeast Corner previously established crossing the river at the [illegible] and marking the line, and thence to the point of commencement, thus completing the survey of the Reserve.

You will also find and mark the boundary of the Reserve on the East side of the River, commencing at the point where the boundary strikes the river on the East side of the River, and run and mark a true line parallel to the boundary as run from the river on the East side of the River, and run and mark at every corner angle or bend and at intervals of one mile. Place at the corners to be established 24 x 12 x 3 inches in size, and with heavy respectively cut on their outside faces [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] taking for each Corner bearing or witness trees as directed in the Manual. Place at the ends of miles along line posts to be not less than 20 x 10 x 3 inches in size, each to have bearing and Township and Range lines cut thereon and the number of the mile, commencing reading to the westward of posts it shall stand from the beginning

point on the line, locating trees as required for the notes of the corners.

If there is an error in the lines of the public surveys. Whenever such contacts occur you will note the course and distance to the nearest corner on the line crossed and will place a temporary point of contact a stone as prescribed in the Manual.

You are furnished herewith a sketch of the public surveys supposed to embrace the said over grant for your use in the execution of this survey.

Respectfully, your Obedient Servant
S. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's
Office
Denver, March 3. 1871.

No 5.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Sir: I have the honor to transmit a protraction of the unsurveyed portion of Township No. 16, the accounts of the duly Deputy Surveyor for the work having been returned on the 22nd of August last.

In pursuance of the instructions of your letter of January 20th the Attorneys of Peck & Tilton took up their case on April 13, and the question which appeared to exist between their claims, and that the conflict of the Standard variation to be adopted (it is 28° East for the Township and Peck & Tilton claim was the main one to be decided any correspondence, maps or drawings which may be in the case Judge Hendrie. At the request of the attorneys the 25th of May the parties were again heard, for further arguments and it was to remain in the Office more, days subject to inspection and objection. On the same day Peck's claim withdrawn, thereby the case made subject to the surveyed boundaries of the Peck claim only being retained from Tilton & his Attorneys

It appears from the Records of this office that in 1869 subdivided T. 9 S. R. 91 West of the South boundary of the Peck claim, surveyed by Deputy Surveyor in 1869, and from which Township East in line surveyed the

Sonora claim and crossed the said Rio Grande boundary on the East and West lines of his survey, that after diligent search on the ground for corner marks of the Beck survey they were both unable to find any trace of any of the monuments. It is therefore impossible to determine the extent of Conflict between the two surveys.

Evidence of monuments in the Southern boundary of the Beck survey may be had by reference to the Hardy Williams notes of the survey of the lines between Sections 12 and 13 of Township 9 North of Range 21 East made in June 1869, and the survey finding the monuments and corners thereof and many Grants from Guadalupe and Clements plan of the Southern boundary of that Township.

The survey of the Rosa Grant returned by Deputy Griffin in June under his Contract having been found erroneous as rejected by the Register because the same was disapproved and he was directed to direct his Compass and correct the survey. The notes subsequently returned are found to be correct, therefore I am directed to send a transcript of the notes of the Original survey.

Very respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
J. Tucker Burnett, Surveyor General.

Surveyor's Office
Santa Fe
New Mexico

Sir, I have the honor to forward for examination & approval the following Private Land Claims.

No. 50 in the name of Antonio Sedillo
" 51 " " " " Jose Antonio Vargas
" 52 " " " " Miguel Otero
" 53 " " " " Felipe Delgado.

Each of these claims was recently acted on and decided by the Surveyor General under the Act of Congress of July 22, 1854 and instructions of the Secretary of the Interior thereunder.

Several other Claims are in course of preparation & examination and will be forwarded in time for the December Term of Congress.

Very respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
J. Tucker Burnett, Surveyor General.

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No 5.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
December 10, 1871.

Hon. Wm. Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Sir: I have the honor herewith to return to your Office with the desired additions the Map of 1870 received with your letter of the 1st instant. In laying upon it the progress executed during the year 1871 by my appointment for 1871. The map now shows all surveys, made up to this date and also such private claims as are in course of execution under contract

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

[Telegram]

Santa Fé New Mexico
November 15, 1871.

To Hon. Commissioner General Land Office
Washington D. C.

Have you received letter of Surveyor General relative to the Navajo Grant.

T. Rush Spencer, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico
November 22, 1871.

W. F. Rencher Esq.
Santa Fé, N. M.

Sir: In answer to your letter of today inquiring particularly as to the Navajo Grant, and the Office, I have to state that [illegible]

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
November 3, 1871.

No 56 Hon. Commissioner,
Commissioner of the General Land Office;

Sir; I have the honor to forward to your address a plat of survey of Private Land claim No. 41 claimed by the Pueblo of Cochiti and the certificate of the Surveyor and Deputy Surveyor thereof.

Very respectfully your Obedient Servant
T. Rice Boone, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
November 27, 1871

Sir; In pursuance of the instructions from your office dated October 16th 1871 relative to surveys of private land claims, I have the honor to forward plat and certificate of survey of the Pueblo Private Land Claim No. 41.

Very respectfully your Obedient Servant
T. Rice Boone
Surveyor General

Hon. J. B. Curtis, Esq.
Acting Commissioner
General Land Office
Washington D. C.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
November 24, 1871.

Sir, I have the honor to transmit herewith plat of survey of the Pueblo Private Land Claim No. 41 claimed by the Pueblo of Cochiti and the certificate of the Surveyor and Deputy Surveyor thereof.

Very respectfully your Obedient Servant
T. Rice Boone
Surveyor General

Hon. J. Q. Smith
Commissioner
General Land Office
Washington D. C.

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[illegible]
[illegible]
November 29, 1871.

Hon. Wm. Drummond,

Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication, dated "H", of the 10th instant enclosing certified copy of a certain Order of Survey, dated the 3, 1871 and issued under the Seal of the General Land Office at Santa Fe, by which you have authorized and directed the Surveyor General of New Mexico to survey the East 1/4 of Section 1, the North and East 1/4 of Section 20, the West 1/4 of the East 1/4 of Section 16, both North and East, and the East 1/2 of the West 1/4 of Section 21, both North and East, and the N.W. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 and the N.E. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of Section 2, all in Township 1, South of Range 8 West, and the East 1/2 of the N.W. 1/4 of Section 27, all in Township 14 North of Range 8 West, New Mexico, as a contract with the owners of said grants, and to report the same to your Office.

In reply I have to state that I have instructed Deputy Surveyor [illegible] to execute said survey as directed, and that as soon as the necessary certificates can be obtained it will be forwarded to you for your action.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

[illegible]
Surveyor General, New Mexico.

[illegible]
Santa Fe, New Mexico
December 4, 1871.

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible].

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Santa Fe, New Mexico
January 16. 1872.

Sir, In accordance with your circular of instructions of the 28th. ultimo, I have the honor to report as follows:

Statement of Deposits

[illegible] January 1, 1872 [illegible]

Date of Deposit	Amount	By whom deposited	When withdrawn
August 11. 1866	$200	[illegible]	[illegible]
May 21, 1869	500	[illegible]	do.
June 10. 1870	50	[illegible]	do.
[illegible]	100	[illegible]	do.
January 13. 1871	75	[illegible]	do.
June 29. 1871	150	[illegible]	do.
September 21. 1871	100	[illegible]	do.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
February 5, 1852.

Hon Wm Drummond,
Commissioner of the general Land Office
Sir, Herewith I have the honor to forward for transmission to Congress, under the act of June 22, 1854, a transcript of the proceedings in the case of private land claim
No. 39 in the name of Joseph Miguel de la Serna et al.
Filed in this office January 31. 1852, viz. a tract of land situated in the County of Socorro known as "Serna's" grant.
Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
T. Rice Beasley, Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
January 12, 1852

Hon. Wm Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Sir, I have the honor to transmit herewith for transmission to Congress, under the act of June 22, 1854, a transcript of the proceedings in the case of private land claim No. 38 in the name of Juan Antonio Chaves et al. filed in this office January 31. 1852, viz. a tract of land situated in the County of Valencia known as "Chaves" grant.
Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
T. Rice Beasley, Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
January 12, 1852.

Hon. W. Drummond, Commissioner of the General Land Office
Sir, I have the honor to transmit herewith for transmission to Congress, under the act of June 22, 1854, a transcript of the proceedings in the case of private land claim No. 35 in the name of Juan Antonio Chaves et al. filed in this office January 31. 1852, viz. a tract of land situated in the County of Valencia known as "Chaves" grant.
Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
T. Rice Beasley, Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
January 12, 1852.

Hon. W. Drummond, Commissioner of the General Land Office
Sir, I have the honor to transmit herewith for transmission to Congress, under the act of June 22, 1854, a transcript of the proceedings in the case of private land claim No. 34 in the name of Juan Antonio Chaves et al. filed in this office January 31. 1852, viz. a tract of land situated in the County of Valencia known as "Chaves" grant.
Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
T. Rice Beasley, Surveyor General

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Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 1, 1872

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Sir: I have the honor to forward herewith a letter of Deputy Surveyor C. M. Bayless asking information concerning his appointment for the Survey of private land claim No. 16, and stating what he has heard since it was sent to the General Land Office some 22nd. of August last.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
J. Lee Brown, Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
February 17, 1872.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Sir; I have the honor to forward herewith a report of Contract No. 44 of the Deputy [illegible]
[illegible]

Very [illegible]
J. Lee Brown, Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
February 18, 1872.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office:
Sir; I have the honor to forward herewith a report of Contract No. 44 with Deputy Surveyor C. M. Bayless, dated August 22, 1871 for the survey of private land claim No. 16, and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mrs. U. S. D. Comm.

[illegible]

Dear Sir: I am [illegible] your favor [illegible] and in reply would say that I have not been able to find any trace of the land warrant issued to Maria Ana, and Maria Anna, and the final papers issued to Santa Anna and Manuel Jaramillo, as stated in the letter, but I do find that there was a warrant issued to Maria Anna Jaramillo for 160 acres, but that as the widow of the grantee Maria Anna Jaramillo she was entitled to only 80 acres, and that warrant was issued on the 10th day of March 1871.

Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant

[illegible], Chief Clerk

[illegible]

Surveyor General's Office

N. M. & A. Territories

Santa Fe, Dec. 5, 1872

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Bartlett,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam: In answer to your letter of the 2nd inst. requesting a search of the records of this office for the final papers issued to Maria Ana Jaramillo, widow of Santa Ana Jaramillo, deceased, I have the honor to inform you that I find no papers issued to Maria Ana Jaramillo, widow of Santa Ana Jaramillo, deceased, but I find that a warrant was issued to Maria Anna Jaramillo, widow of Santa Ana Jaramillo, deceased, for 80 acres of land, and that the same was issued on the 10th day of March 1871.

I return herewith your letter of the 2nd inst. and

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Copy of the Commissioner's Report in the boundary suit from
Initial of the Supreme Court of the United States

Statement of Facts

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This plat and field notes of the boundaries of said grant is hereby approved in accordance with the terms of the grant and the proceedings in the Office of Surveyor General, and as in accordance with the energies of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

Given under my hand and official seal at the City of Washington, this 9th day of June A.D. 1872.

Wm. Wallis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir. I have the honor to forward herewith the Field Notes and Plat of the survey executed by the Surveyor-General of California under his Contract No 43 dated 28th May 1871, and transmitted his approved account for the same.

Very respectfully, Your Obedient Servant.
J. Ross Browne, Surveyor General.

Surveyor-General's Office
San Francisco, Cal.
June 9th 1872.

Wm. M. Wallis
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir, I have the honor to forward herewith certified copies of Field Notes of the survey executed by Deputy Surveyor B. Williams under his Contract No 43 dated 28th May 1871, and transmitted his approved account for the same.

Very respectfully, Your Obedient Servant.
J. Ross Browne, Surveyor General.

Manuscript Letter
No. 4 to Miss Emily
March 26 1845.

Miss Emily Perkins
Santa Fe New Mexico

Dear Sister

I received your letter of the 1st inst. and shall endeavor to answer it immediately, but am sorry to inform you that I am not able to write you a long letter, as I am very busy at present. I have
Received for work $2.50
" Corn meal 10c

And that is now standing in the Store to my credit. Mr. Bent has gone to the Rocky Mountains for a load of furs, and will be back in about 2 months. I have not heard from home since I left there, but hope to hear from you soon.

Remember me to all the family and write me soon. Direct your letter to Bent's Fort, Arkansas River, and it will reach me. Give my love to Mother and all the children, and accept the same yourself from your affectionate brother.

Lewis.

Sur le droit commun
de la Prusse
Rhénane

Sur le droit commun
Communication de M. le Procureur général
Si, en cas de vente de biens dépendant
de la succession d'un Prussien décédé
dans le ressort de la Cour, il y a lieu
de percevoir le droit de mutation
par décès. Si, par suite de la vente
le partage ou la licitation, il y a lieu
à la perception du droit proportionnel
sur les soultes ou retours.

Renvoi à la section
de législation
Séance du 2 mai 1855.

Sur la question de droit commun
(Communication de M. le Procureur général
près la Cour de Colmar)

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Surveyor General's Office
San Luis Obispo
June 10, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith, Certificate
of Location for certain Scrip issued to Wm. Workman
Jr. assignee for certain settlers on the public lands
(T 11 S. R. 8 E. fractional) designating the portions of the several
subdivisions of land to which each is entitled
survey of which will be returned to this office
Plat of which will be forwarded as soon as
completed the township in which they are situated
May 6, 1871, and the Certificate for the fractional
lots.

Very respectfully, Your obedient
servant, [illegible]

Surveyor General's Office
San Luis Obispo
June 10 1872.

Adolph Gamble Esq.
President [illegible]

Sir: As regards [illegible]
of the Act [illegible]
Act, and which [illegible]
Certificate for designating the additional [illegible]
claim to [illegible]

for Office use

and thereby [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Number of miles in said Road, run, Commencing at
the corner of [illegible] feet each course.

At the beginning point of the survey, [illegible]
[illegible] Thence run [illegible] 24×12×3
inches in size, bearing duly cut & Notched to the cor-
rect [illegible] Thence [illegible]
the [illegible] Thence [illegible]
[illegible] Thence [illegible]
[illegible] Thence [illegible]
[

[illegible] direct attention, when he proceeds to the field to establish the corners of the Marco survey are [illegible] after due diligent search to find them, by measuring said boundary line from its point of intersection with Rocky Creek [illegible] E & East of Trammel's 1/4 S. to it according to the Field notes to the T. C. Cross, and there set a stake [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 18, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Sir: I have the honor to forward herewith the transcript of field notes, the plat and the account of Deputy Surveyor Robert B. Williston for the survey of One Hundred and Forty Eight Miles of the Base Line of New Mexico, which survey has been executed by Deputy Williston under his Contract No. 42 of February 1st, 1872.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,
J. Ruth Spencer,
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 22, 1872.

William White, Esq.
United States Deputy Surveyor.

Sir: Your Contract with this office No. 45, dated April 17, 1872, for the completion of the subdivision of Township 14, North of Range 8 East, having been approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, you are now furnished the special instructions provided for in the Contract, under which you are authorized to proceed to execute.

The township is fractional, that portion of it North of the Galisteo Creek having been already subdivided, and the purpose of your Contract is to complete the subdivision South of that stream. You are furnished a descriptive plat exhibiting all the data necessary for finding and identifying the Corners, the variations of the Compass, &c., of the original survey made in 1858.

Having adapted your instruments to that survey, the lines of which were surveyed North from the South boundary of the Township, you will continue those lines by extending them North from their present terminii to the North boundary of the township, or as the case may be, to the next boundary of the Civil Mines Grant survey, made in 1861, a similar descriptive plat of which is also handed you. Should you find any of the Corners of the established subdivisional lines obliterated, you will duly reëstablish the same, and close your lines upon the boundary of the township, and upon the said Grant survey, carefully noting the distances in each case to the next known or monument.

It has been represented to this Office by parties who have made search for them, that no monuments on the Grant survey can now be found. You will therefore diligently and carefully search for them; and should you find any portion of the Grant survey with which your work is connected, you are authorized and instructed to ascertain, and reëstablish in position, such objects

Monuments with others as nearly as practicable of exactly the same description. In case you find it necessary to re-establish the monuments so as to enable you duly to connect your subdivisional work with the grant survey, you will retrace and mark such portions of the latter as are embraced within Township 14 North of Range 8 East, re-establishing monuments similar to those shown in the field notes to have been placed at the points in 1861, always duly replacing and noting all intersections of the lines of the grant with those of the public surveys, whether so noted in the survey of 1861 or not. And for your services in this re-establishing lines of the grant survey you will be allowed pay at the rate of fifteen dollars per mile.

The character and circumstances of the soil you will trace you will carefully note in your book, so that the agricultural character thereof, may be designated upon the official plats

Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant.
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 24, 1872.

Hon. Commissioner,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular letter of the 16th instant and in reply to the enquiries made I have to say

Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 10, 1872.

Hon. R. W. Taylor,
First Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir: I am directed by the Surveyor General to forward for the use of your Office the enclosed triplicate of a contract for the survey of certain of the public lands entered into by this office with Robert B. William on the 17th of February last.

Very respectfully, Your Obedient Servant.
Jas. J. Williams
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor Generals office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 17, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner Gen. Land Office,

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith Certificates of Deposit additional to those forwarded with my letter of July 3, 1871, in the matter of the survey of Las Pacas Montoya confirmed private land claim No. 41,—the Certificates now forwarded, being respectively for $100 for Office work and $1000 for field work.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 17, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Sir: I have the honor to forward herewith for Patent of the claim under the confirming Statute of March 3, 1869, a transcript of the Field Notes and plat of survey of confirmed private land claim No. 41, of Pueblo Isleta, surveyed by Deputy John Lambert under his Contract of July 3, 1871, extended by your letter of February 17, 1872, and I also forward herewith the approved account of Deputy Lambert for the execution of said survey.

Very respectfully, Your Obedient Servant.
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 17, 1872.

Hon. R. W. Taylor,
First Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to forward for the use of your Office, copy of my instructions of April 12, 1872, to John Lambert Deputy Surveyor, under his Contract with this Office of July 3, 1871, extended by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, February 17, 1872, for the survey of Confirmed private land claim No. 41, of Pueblo Isleta (U. S. Statutes Vol. XV. p. 342) which instructions embrace the lines of June 15, 1871, of which a copy, together with a triplicate of said Contract I have sent to your Office with my letter of August 2, 1871.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
T. Rush Spencer,
Surveyor General.

[Telegram]

Santa Fé, June 19, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office:
Surveyor-General Spencer died this Evening. Am in Charge of Office.

Dav. J. Miller,
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 28, 1872.

Hon. R. W. Taylor,
First Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir: I have the honor herewith to forward, for the use of your Office triplicate of a contract of this Office with Robert B. Willson, No. 46, dated April 27, 1872, for the survey of certain public lands in this Territory and for connecting therewith the Fort Sumner abandoned military reservation; together with a copy of the Surveyor General's special instructions to Deputy Willson for the execution of the work contemplated in the contract.

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant,
Dav. J. Miller,
Ch. Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico, June 24, 1872

Hon. Willis Drummond, Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Sir: In attention to the directions of your circular letter of the 2nd ult[imo] I have the honor to state that of the articles therein mentioned for which estimates of quantities required are to be sent to the General Land Office, the following will be needed for the ensuing fiscal year:

1½ Ream Field Note Paper ...
100 Blank Field Books
100 Blanks Township Plats
150 Blanks Township Plats fractional

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant,
Dav. J. Miller, Ch. Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 29, 1872.

N. C. Tinsley, Esq.,
Pueblo, Colorado,

Sir: I acknowledge the receipt of your two letters to Surveyor General Spencer, recently deceased, of the 15th ultimo and 20th instant, requesting as agent for William A. Bell an estimate of the cost of executing and perfecting the survey of that portion of confirmed private land claim No 33, granted Dec. 4, 1819 in the name of Pedro Armendaris with a view to depositing the amount so estimated to secure the survey of the grant, and in reply (there being no Surveyor General) have to say that estimate

For the field work	$900.
For the office work	100

which estimate is based not upon any official knowledge of or data showing the extent of the tract, but upon information derived by unofficial inquiry. It will therefore be necessary when the certificate of deposit are filed here to file also a sufficient bond to make good any inadequacy in the amount of the estimates in case any such deficiency should appear after the whole amount of the cost in the premises shall be ascertained at this office.

Upon there being filed at this office triplicate certificates of deposit of the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé that said sum of $900 has been deposited at his office to the credit of the appropriation for the survey of private land claims in New Mexico, and the certificates that also the sum of $100 has been deposited to the credit of the appropriation for Clerk hire in the office of the Surveyor General of New Mexico the case will be in a condition for the Surveyor General when authorized to proceed in the matter of the survey.

Respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
Dav. J. Miller,
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 1, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo stating and giving instructions for the application of the appropriations made by Congress for this fiscal year for the Surveying service in this district.

Very respectfully, Your obedient Servant,
Dav. J. Miller,
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 3, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir: Herewith I have the honor to forward for settlement the salary and incidental expense accounts created in this office during the fiscal quarter ending the thirtieth ultimo.

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant
Dav. J. Miller
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 10, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Sir: I have the honor to forward accompanying the Semi-annual Return of Property belonging to the United States and remaining in this Office June 30, 1872.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dav. J. Miller
Chief Clerk

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
August 15, 72

Hon. W. Willis
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a tracing of Township No. 15 North of Range No. 18 West of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, and to request that the Contract-Work of subdivision in said Township may be executed.

Respectfully Your Obt Servt
Dav. J. Miller
Chief Clerk

Surveyor General's Office.
Santa Fé New Mexico.
August 15. 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:

With a view to having as nearly perfect as practicable the map of this district now in course of preparation to accompany the next annual report, I have the honor to refer you to Surveyor General Spencer's letter of the 3rd of May last, and to request the information there asked concerning the mil[illegible] reservation in T. 18 N. R. 20 E.

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant.
Dav. J. Miller.
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office.
Santa Fé New Mexico.
August 16, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith transcript of field notes, plat and Deputy's account for work in the survey of fractional S. 14 N. R. 8 E. executed by William White under his contract No. 45 with this office of April 17, 1872, and also copy of special instructions for the execution of this survey and other work in necessary connection therewith.

I preferred to await the arrival of Surveyor General Proudfit before forwarding this work to the General Land Office; but as I am not advised when he may be expected and as Mr White is anxious to receive his compensation as soon as possible, I have concluded to act in the case and at once transmit the papers, trusting that my action will meet your approval.

Deputy White in his notes (transcript page 15) reports that he found an error of 9.81 chains in the position of the corner to sections 23 24 25 26 as established by Deputy Wilbar in 1858. This occasions, I think, a fractional lot in the northeast portion of section 26, though according to Deputy Wilbar's notes and corners, shown by Deputy White to be erroneous, the land is embraced in section 25. It seems to me that it naturally and indeed necessarily belongs to section 26, and I have so treated it, marking it on the plat as lot No. 7 of this section both at this office and at the Register's - which can still be done, as the land has not yet been disposed of by the government.

Deputy White also reports (transcript page 10) that he ascertained the north boundary of the Ortiz Mine Grant survey, made in 1861, by Deputy Means, to be 17.90 chains further north and the east boundary 29.75 chains further east than the field notes and plat of that survey show them to be. In this connection allow me to call your

attention to the Surveyor Generals letter of May 18 and the Commissioners reply of June 1st. 1867.

Finding that certain corners placed by Deputy Wilbar in 1858 had been destroyed by the washing away of the spots they stood upon on the creek banks or had been otherwise obliterated and could not be reëstablished at the same points, Deputy White substituted and described witness corners for each of them, as shown on the plat of his work.

All the emendations made upon the plat here of the surveys north of the Galisteo creek have been made also upon the plat at the Register's office. I have been careful to make none that might affect in any way any subdivision or lot in this township disposed of by the government.

Herewith I forward for the use of the General Land Office a plat showing the emendations referred to, which may be called the 39th of those plats marked "A," forwarded with the Surveyor General's letter of the 3rd of May last.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dav. J. Miller.
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office.
Santa Fe, New Mexico, August 20. 1872.

Abraham G. Hoyt Esq.
Register of the Land Office.
Santa Fe. New Mexico.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward to your office herewith plat of the subdivisional survey of fractional township 14 North of Range 8 East south of the Galisteo creek together with the corresponding descriptive lists - for which plat please return a receipt.

Respectfully your obedient servant.
Dav. J. Miller.
Ch. Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 27, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land office,

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for audit and the account of J. Howe Wells for services as Clerk in this office, during the month of July in the current fiscal quarter, for $126.25.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant.
Dav. J. Miller.
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
August 28, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at this office today of your letter of the 19th inst, with the enclosures therein mentioned.

Very respectfully your obedient servant.
Dav. J. Miller,
Chief Clerk.

Madison Wisconsin
September 2, 1872

Hon Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith the annual estimates for the surveying service in the district of New Mexico for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1874.

They have been carefully prepared in the office, and, though unusually large, are believed to be as low as the prospective demand for completed sur-

veys will allow, resulting from the approach of the subsidized railroads and from the probable emigration consequent upon the advent of these as well as other proposed railroads.

The estimate of $25000. for the surveys, (not contemplated by law) of confirmed private land claims, I have submitted anticipating a probable repeal, by Congress, of the statutes requiring that surveys of this class when made be at the expense of the land owners; the repeal of which provision I purpose, repeating the recommendation of my predecessor, to urge in my annual report.

The estimates for salaries and miscellaneous expenses are made in the hope and upon the basis that the Department will recommend and Congress make the appropriations for field work estimated for

I intend to leave for Santa Fè on the 9th inst

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

James K. Proudfit

Surveyor General

New Mexico

Estimates.

Of the Surveyor General, for Appropriations required for the surveying service in the district of New Mexico for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1874.

On Salary Account

For Salary of	Surveyor General.		$3000.
" " "	Chief Clerk.		2000.
" " "	Translator & Interpreter		2000.
" " "	Five Draughtsmen, $1800 each		9000
" " "	Four Clerks	1750 "	7000

On Contingent Account

For Rent of Office, Stationery, Fuel, Messenger &c		2750 "

On Surveying Account

For Public Surveys — Base, Standard Parallel, Exterior, Township

and Subdivisional Lines 214.806
For Private Claims Surveys — Private Land Claims
Confirmed by Congress under Act of July 22, 1854 #25000

Proposed Public Surveys.
In the District of New Mexico for the fiscal year
ending June 30th 1874.

West of Principal Meridian
Base Line — extension to West Boundary of the Territory
96 miles @ $15. . . . . $1.440
First Correction Line North — extension West to Range
7 inclusive 42 miles @ $15. 630
Second Correction Line North — extension to West Boundary
of the Territory, 114 miles @ $15. . . . . $1.710
Third Correction Line North — extension to West Boundary
of the Territory, 114 miles at $15. . . . . $1.710
Fourth Correction Line North — extension to West Boundary.
of the Territory, 120 miles @ $15. . . . . $1800
First Correction Line South — extension West to Range
7 inclusive, 40 miles @ $15. . . . . $600
Third Correction Line South — extension to West
Boundary of the Territory, 66 miles @ $15. . . . . $990
Fifth Correction Line South — extension to First
Guide Meridian West, 42 miles @ $15. . . . . $630
Sixth Correction Line South — extension to West
Boundary of the Territory, 120 miles @ $15. . . . $1.800.
Exterior Townships Lines — between the base Line and the
First Correction Line North, West to Range 7 inclusive
252 miles @ $12. . . . . $3,024
Exterior Townships Lines — between First and Second
Correction Lines North, West to Range 7 inclusive
252 miles @ $12. . . . . $3.024
Exterior Township Lines — between Second and Third..
Correction Lines North 774 miles at $12. . . . $9.288
Exterior Township Lines — between Third and Fourth
Correction Lines North, 816 miles @ $12. . . . . $9792
Exterior Township Lines — between Base Lines and
First Correction South, West to Range 7 inclusive

372 miles @ $12. . . . . $4464

Exterior Township Lines — between third and Fourth Correction Lines South 528 miles @ $12. . . . $6336

Exterior Township Lines — between Fourth and Fifth Correction Lines South, 396 miles @ $12. . . $4752

Exterior Township Lines — between Fifth and Sixth Correction Lines South, 348 miles @ $12. . . . $4176

Exterior Township Lines — between the Sixth Correction Line South and the international Boundary 420 miles @ $12. . . . . $5040

Subdivisional Lines

Subdivision of 5 townships between Base Line and First Correction Line North, 300 miles @ $10. $3000

Subdivisional Lines — Subdivision of 15 Townships between the First and Second Correction Lines North, 900 miles @ $10 . . . . . $9000

Subdivisional Lines — subdivision of 30 township between Second and Third Correction Lines North 300 miles @ $10. . . . . $3000

Subdivisional Lines — Subdivision of 20 townships between Third and Fourth Correction Lines North, 1200 miles @ $10 . . . . $12000

Subdivisional Lines — Subdivision of 5 townships between Base Line and First Correction Line South, 300 miles @ $10. . . . . $3000

Subdivisional Lines — Subdivision of 30 townships between Third and Fourth Correction Lines South. 3000 miles @ $10. . . . . $30,000

Subdivisional Lines — Subdivision of 96 township between Fourth and Fifth Correction Lines South 5760 miles @ $10. . . . . $57600

Subdivisional Lines — Subdivision of 15 township between Fifth and Six Correction Lines South, 900 miles at $10. . . . . $9000

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
Sept 11. 1872

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir.

I have the honor to state that in the preparation in the office, of the annual estimate for public surveys for the ensuing fiscal year, the survey of Exterior township lines between the first and second correction lines north, west of range 7 was erroneously estimated for, since the extension west of said first correction line only to range 7 inclusive was contemplated; and in a letter from Surveyor General Proudfit I am directed to request that the total of $221,070 estimated for public surveys be corrected at the General Land Office to $214.806, and also that in the "Proposed Public Surveys" in the estimate for Exterior township lines between the first and second correction lines, north 774 miles @ $12. $9288" the figures "774" be struck out and the words and figures ~~west to range 7 inclusive~~ 252 be substituted, and the figures "9288" be struck out and 3024 substituted

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dav. J. Miller
Chief Clerk

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe New Mexico
Sept 27 1872

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sr.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt to day of your instructions of the 13th inst, Marked "A" on the subject of mining claims under the statute of May 10. 1872

Very respectfully
Your obedeant servant
Dav. J. Miller.
Chief clerk

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe New Mexico
Sept 30. 1872

Bronson Murray. Esq. 238 West 53d Street N.Y.
Executor of the Estate of T Buck Spencer decd
New York City.

Sir.

As Dr. Spencer when he entered upon the discharge of his duties as United States Surveyor General for New Mexico May 15. 1869, receipted to his predecessor for the public property, records &c. then turned over to him, I now here forward for your use as his executor receipts to you dated to day from his successor in office, James K. Proudfit for all property, records &c for which Dr Spencers estate was responsible to the government.

Please acknowledge the receipt of these papers and oblige

Respectfully yours
Dan. J Miller
Chief clerk Surveyor Generals office

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
September 30 1872

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir.

I have the honor to report that I to day arrived at my post here, and will as soon as practicable within the next few days forward receipts for government property, and records turned over to me, and also the annual report for the year ending June 30. 1872

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe New Mexico
October 4. 1872

Hon Willes Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith for settlement the approved accounts for salaries and incidental expenses created in this office during the quarter ending the 30th ultimo. Except the account of Clerk J. Norre Watts. which was forwarded august 24. and including the account for Stationery of Mess. Richard B. Mohan & Co of Washington city sent to this office with your letter of the 23d Ultimo

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
Oct 4. 1872

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit three receipts signed by me under date of the 30th ultimo, to the executor of the estate of my predecessor, T. Rush Spencer, for property and records in this office belonging to the United States, received in my charge at that time

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
October 8, 1872

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith for your approval Contract-No.47 dated to day, with Messrs Griffen and McMullen for the subdivision of T. 9. 10. and 11. N.R 29.30.31.32 and 33 E. and T.12 N. R 32 and 33 E. seventeen tornships. Should you approve the contract, please telegraph the fact, as the deputies in consequence of the lateness of the season, desire to leave for the field as soon as practicable

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe New Mexico
October 8. 1872

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Sr.

I have the honor to request that you forward for the use of this office and deputy surveyors, Pay ten Copies of the printed "Manual of Surveying Instructions" of 1855. We have on hand a sufficiency of that of 1864.

I would also thank you for several Copies of your "Circular Instructions" of September 21. 1868, reissued April 1, 1871. Concerning the inhabitants of Cities and towns upon the public lands, and also of your "Circular" of August 30th 1872 showing the manner of obtaining title to public lands and containing the Soldiers and Sailors homestead law of June 8. 1872, and instructions thereon

Please send also me or more Copies of the officials Biennial Register of the last edition

and find that no copy of that or any other edition has ever been received at this office

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Jack Broadfoot
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe New Mexico
October 10, 1872

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir.

Herewith I have the honor to forward Contract No 48. made yesterday with Williams White for the survey of certain public lands therein described, in a section of country containing now a considerable number of settlers and still filling up. As it can not be known before the survey of that portion which of the townships are most proper for subdivision and most required by the settlers, the Contract provides that the deputy shall after ascertaining in the premises subdivide such two of them as in his opinion shall be best adapted to agricultural uses. As the season is already considerably advanced, and the deputy desires to take the field as soon as possible, I request that I be advised by telegraph if your approve the Contracts

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Jack Broadfoot
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
October 10. 1872.

Wilson Waddingham, Esq
Santa Fe New Mexico

Sir.

In attention to your note of to day asking an estimate for the amount of funds required and directions for their deposit for the survey of the tracts Amending Confirmed Private Land Claims, No 33 and 34, I have to say that, as the relative positions of the boundary Calls are unknown at this office a precise estimate cannot be made, wherefore whenever any deposit is made for the survey it will be necessary for the depositor to give bond to the Surveyor General for any deficiency in the amount of the deposit should any appear when the true amounts required shall be ascertained

With this understanding I estimate for both Claims for the field work $1000. and for the office work $100. both of which amounts should be deposited with the Designated Depositary at Santa Fe, the $1000. to the Credit of the appropriation for the Survey of Private Land Claims in New Mexico, and the $100. to the Credit of the appropriation for Clerk Hire in the office of the Surveyor General of New Mexico and Certificate Certificates of deposit for each sum will be filed at that office after which I will be ready to contract for the survey of the Claims

Respectfully
James A. Pendleton
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
October 11th 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith the transcript of field notes and the account for work and, on a roller, the plat of the survey of lines of the public surveys by deputy Surveyor R.B. Willison under his Contract, No. 44, of February 17, 1872, like papers for a portion of the work under which contract, that for the Base Line extension, were forwarded to the General Land office the 18th of May last.

I also send by this mail in like manner transcript of field notes, account for work and plat of survey by the same deputy for work under his contract No 46. of April 27, 1872, to be paid for out of special deposits of $2500, made by Peter Maxwell april 26, 1872 for the subdivision of T. 2 and 3 N. R. 26 E.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
Jas K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe New Mexico
October 12th 1872

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the
General Land office
Washington D.C.

Sir.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit for your approval Contracts Nos. 49 and 50 entered into this days with J. Horne Watts. No 49 for the survey of certain public lands therein

described, and No 50 for the survey of private land claims Nos 33 and 34. Confirmed by act of Congress approved June 21. 1860.

This work as it is of two distinct classes and to be paid for out of two distinct funds, I have thought most proper to Contract for in separate Contracts, with the same deputy; Contract No 49 bing based upon the Congressional Appropriation for the survey of public lands, and Contract No 50 upon the special deposit of $1000. for the survey of the grants mentioned, the certificate of deposit for which amount I send in a separate letter of this date.

As deputy Watts desires to commence as soon as possible the execution of the survey to be returned by January 1. 1873. under Contract No 50. I request that should you approve that Contract or both contracts, you advise me of the fact by telegraph

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
October 12 1872

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the
General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir.

On the 10th instant Wilson Waddingham as present partner of confirmed private land claims Nos 33 and 34 in the name of Pedro Armendariz, requested in writing an estimate of the field and office work cost of the survey of the claims, for which work I estimated as follows. Field work $100. Office work $100.

Whereupon made the deposits and requested the earliest practicable survey of the tracts.

The two tracts are adjoining on opposite sides of the Rio Grande, were conveyed to the same grantee and belong to the same owners and estimate does not contemplate the survey of the boundary common to both.

The Certificates of deposit for each of these sums I herewith transmit, and in a separate letter a contract for the survey

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
October 17th 1872

Hon. Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit by this mail the annual report of this office for the year ending June 30. 1872, together with accompanying papers marked A. B. C. D. F. G and H

The general map of the Territory and District of New Mexico, is not yet completed; but as soon as it shall be finished, which I hope will be early in November, I will forward it at once

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
October 18. 1872.

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir

I have the honor by this mail to return to your office, with the corrections required by your letter of the 20th ultimo. and with my approvals and authentication, the transcript of field notes and plat of the survey of fractional T. 14 N. R. 8 E.

The E 1/2 of the N.W 1/4 of section 26. showing a content of 80 acres upon the plat of 1858. has been curtailed into a fractional lot of 58.62 acres. in consequence of the correction of the north boundary of the Ortiz Mine grant by Deputy White, and is now numbered as lot No 8 upon the plats here and at the Registers office as containing 58.62 acres

No alteration of the lot was made upon the plat of emendations sent to the General Land Office with the letter of the 16th of August last forwarding Mr Whites work, because the lot had been disposed of by the government and, as stated in the letter, any alteration or emendation affecting such lots had been carefully avoided

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
Oct 22d 1872

Gentlemen:

This office having been notified by the General Land Office by telegraph of the approval of your grand Contract No 47 of the 8th instant for the subdivision of T. 9. 10. & 11 S. R. 29 30. 31 32 & 33 E and T 12 S R 32 & 33 E. you are thereby authorized to proceed to the execution of that work, which under the contract is to be completed and returned on or before the first of March next. Should your work be executed in the field

by both contractors (which may be done by each carrying up an adjoining tier from the S.E corner of the township as required on p 23 of the manual) your attention is especially called to the requirements of the printed General Land Office instructions of June 1. 1864 which as your guide, (though not specifically mentioned in the Contract as a part of it) are equally binding with those of the manual of Surveying. Instructions there referred to, and a strict compliance with both will be exacted.

The work done by the deputies respectively must be clearly and distinctively shown in the book of field notes. If, as it is expected it will be, the whole subdivision of each township is recorded in one book, its preface will state the work it embraces, the names of the contractors the number and date of the contract, the dates of the commencement and completion of the subdivision and the name of the deputy or deputies executing it. In the body of the book the work of each deputy if executed by more than one deputy each having his surveying party will be separate and under a distinct heading as "Deputy Griffith's Work" or "Deputy McMullen's Work". The notes of the deputy and of his assistants will be given at the end of the book. And in case both Contractors each with his party of assistants assist in subdividing the township, each deputy and assistants will separately state and swear to the portions of work executed by them.

Should you find the township to contain any lands not properly denominated agricultural, such as mineral or coal lands, you will as data additional to those required on pages 17 and 18 of the manual, be careful to specify the locality and extent of such land not agricultural, so that the draughtsman may have no difficulty in determining upon the plat, the explanatory of what is there meant by the township furnished. See extract from instructions from the General Land Office to the Surveyor General, dated May 16. 1865, requiring that the different classes of lands be ascertained and distinguished.

By the direction of the Surveyor General

Jno McNeil,

Chief Clerk

Jno Griffith & McMullen
Deputy Surveyors
Present

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
Oct 31st 1872

Hon. Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit for adjustment and settlement the account of John D. Watts for unexpended balance of $43.52 of his deposits, made June 29. 1871. and June 3. 1872. for the survey and office work connected with the survey of the Pablo Montoya confirmed private land claim. No 41: and the account of Samuel Ellison, for unexpended balance of $172.67. of his deposite, made March 29. 1872. for the subdivision of fractional T. 14 N.R. 8. E. and office work incident thereto.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
Oct 31. 1872.

Genl Gordon Granger
Colonel 15th Infantry
Commanding U.S. Troops
District of New Mexico
Dear Sir.

I respectfully request a detachment of Cavalry, consisting of at least two Non Commissioned officers and ten men, to report as soon as practicable to, and act as escort for Messrs W.W. Griffin and Wm McMillen, U.S deputy Surveyors now in the field near Fort Bascom.

We have just visited that part of the territory and deem it the part of prudence to ask the detail

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
November 1. 1872

Hon Wallis Drummond
Commissioner of the Generals Land Office

Sir:

The Copy of the official register together with 10. Copies of instructions to Surveyors General and sundry Circulars from your office, came to hand this day.

There are in this office a Solar Compass and a (2) Leather chain supposed to be provided as standards by which to test instruments and chains of deputy Surveyors but they are both defective, and are so carried in the property return.

The solar Compass is evidently one that has been substituted for the government Compass. It is pointed and marked by field service, is old and dilapidated, as is the tripod and mountings and the adjuster is gone although it levels correctly.

The chain contains but 49 links, and is 9 inches short of standard measure. There seems to be a tradition in the office that the instrument and chain were all right some years since, but they have not been since my appointment.

I respectfully apply, in view of the situation for a standard solar Compass, Complete and a standard Chain for the use of this office.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Special Instructions.

Col. J. Howe Watts
United States Deputy Surveyor;

Sir:

Your Contract No 50. of October 12. 1872. for the survey of the two confirmed private land claims Numbers 33 and 34. in the name of Pedro Armendariz, having been approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, You are authorized to proceed to the execution of that work which under the Contract is to be completed and returned not later than the first of January next.

Each of these two claims is to be surveyed and marked seperately, as required by instructions from the Commissioner, of the 23d instant.

That "each Claim must be seperately and distinctly surveyed, and you are therefore directed to instruct the Deputy to meander both sides of the Rio Grande so far as the same constitutes the boundary of said Claim so that the area of each grant may be seperately calculated."

The following extracts from the official translations of the grants are furnished you for your guidance as to the boundaries of the grants, respectively as they are to be surveyed under your Contract.

Claim No 33.

(On the table land (Mesilla) del Pinalcero, there is a peak or knoll which is Mine and from this point I desire you to have the goodness to grant to me in a southwardly direction following the waterline of the Rio Grande del Norte, on the same side of Valverde to a point where the little Mountain of Fray Cristoval joins the river being the watering point on said river and from the aforementioned point of the little Mountain over its summit to the spring called Del Muerto which is on one side of the little la de Valle de del Jornado including

the said Rivers shall be the property, and from its source leagues in a straight line and from thence the line is to continue to the Arroyo Spring which is nine and from that point two leagues to the south order that the line running from the Mountain spring may terminate at the boundary of the said two leagues, and from thence three leagues to the East from their termination the line is to run parallel down over the upper part of the Sierra and terminate on the river at the Bolle Rio station called from said Mountain which are nine and which are near the public road from the mouth of the Apache Pass (Boquillo Apache).

And on the sixth place the water line of the Rio Grande del Norte, in the second place mentioned that is on the table land of the Montezuma which is the boundary or termination of the aforementioned Valley or valley and which is in the direction of the River called Fray Cristobal, and drawing a straight line to the little Spring called Anallo be excluded in the possession and to be the third boundary and running another straight line from this point over the hills as far as from those aforementioned and which is in the direction of the river and towards the Pattern or Valley aforesaid. San Pascual and the Apache pass del Boquillo del Apache)

[illegible] (Vision) (page 34.

(Opposite the second (Arroyo) of the Colorado on the opposite side of the River [see next page.] the first boundary being opposite to the Mesilla del Montezuma where said land (Arroyo) joins the River, the second the Pattern Spring of the Canada Pinole distant about three leagues and is in the direction of the point of the little Mountain which named below (Second from the aforementioned Spring, that is from Monte one league to the south, two leagues to the south and three leagues

to the west and returning to the source of said
spring running a straight line to the little Mountain
of San Pascual. this boundary being the termination
of the aforesaid hills to bend where the river again forces
the hills on the same side of the river.

You will call upon the Claimants under
the grants to point out and establish by satisfactory showing
the boundaries called for which they claim of the tracts, and see
that such boundaries agree with the official data furnished
you and with the evidence if any be taken in the premises

You will find that any of these boundary
calls are not well known, and easily identified, points or
find it necessary to establish or settle any other matter or
thing unknown or in doubt necessary to a correct and
true decision of these grants or either of them you will ex-
amine under oath competent disinterested witnesses and
from their testimony determine the question in each case
reducing their declarations to writing and returning
them indorsed in your transcript of notes.

You lines will no doubt cross various
lines of the public surveys which you will in each
instance connect upon correct principles
and distance with the nearest convenient corner required
in the Manual, so as to facilitate the due observance of this require
ment you are furnished with such maps descriptive of
Townships containing it is believed the whole district of Country
covered by these grants.

You will also furnish each map
description of the Corners along the out boundaries of the Ville
Jury Reservation of Real Estate Mc Rae, and
subsidiary of your lines Crossing of these exterior of
the reservation, you will in like manner connect upon
them with the corners and also with the Rancho Azuza
grant survey. at the beginning point of each survey you
will permanently in the ground a stone not less than
24 x 12 x 3 inches in dimensions distinctly cut on the
side on the inland face the letters [illegible] Surveyor Gen. Cal
and will witness the same with bearing trees or [illegible] mon=

sment natural objects for the if any in convenient
distance and at the corner angles of the survey you will
in like manner place a stone of similar size bearing the
letters (Amendam) witnessing them as before and along
each of your lines except meander lines between princi
pal corners you will place stones not less than 20x10x3
inches in size, at the end of each mile each bearing
clearly cut or chisled on the side facing the corner
started from a no. corresponding to the number of miles
it shall stand therefrom on that course

Respectfully your obedient servt
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
November 1. 1872.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
November 2. 1872.

Col J Howe Wattle
Deputy Surveyor under Contract No. 50.

Sir: I am officially informed by the Translator for this office that in the translation in English of that portion of the title papers in the Pedro Armendiz Claim No. 34 which states the boundaries there is an omission by the translator to translate a portion of the originat Spanish. It occurs on the third page of my special instructions of the first instant to you for the survey of the Claims in the second line below the heading "Claim No 34" between the words "the" and "river" and the omitted words are there is a small bend which I wish to serve as a center You will consider them as incorporated in the document at the place mentioned and as a part of the same.

Respectfully Your obedient servt
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
November 16. 1872.

William White, Esq.
Deputy Surveyor under Contract No. 48.

Sir:—

You are authorized to proceed at your convenience to the field to execute the surveys contemplated by your Contract No. 48 of the 4th ultimo, which are to be completed and returned on or before the first of May next.

In this work you will be guided by the printed Manual of Surveying instructions, a copy of which has been furnished you for your use and government, except that your range lines will be run south.

As additional to those instructions I have only to require that should your work embrace any other character of land than agricultural you carefully note the kind and define the locality and extent of the same. If it is not believed that that section of country contains any Mineral land: you are reminded however, for your government in determining the townships whose subdivision is provided for in your Contract that only non-mineral lands may under the law and regulations be subdivided.

It is desirable that the mention of objects required to be noted (pp. 18 and 19 of the Manual) be full and clear, and not only refer to those immediately along the line but also as fully as convenient to prominent ones in the vicinity and in all cases the reference will be such as will readily identify the objects meant.

Should you come across any natural curiosities indicative of any peculiar structure or characteristic of the public domain, or any rare formation or deposit otherwise valuable or interesting, you are requested to preserve and Land in the same or a sample of the same with your notes, to be forwarded, as collected by you, to the Smithsonian Institute at Washington as a contribution to the Museum recently transferred thereto from the General Land Office

Respectfully
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

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November 19, 1872

Hon. Chas. Emmett,
Commissioner of the Court of Claims
Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith the Report of the Agent of the Mescalero District, for the quarter ending September 30, 1872, as directed by Circular

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Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November 19, 1872.

Hon. Wm. Vincent
Commissioner of the Court of Claims
Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to the Department of the Interior, accounts of Chas. Blake and Wm. Vincent for services as Deputy Surveyors in this Territory during the quarter ending September 30, 1872, amounting to $40.46 each, also one to Peter Maydwell Deputy Surveyor amounting to $150.81 payable out of the Contingent appropriation, all payable out of the letter of credit recently sent to this office.

I am respectfully
your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

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Juneau, Grand River,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November 1st, 1852.

Hon. Chas. Lemmon,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Dear Sir:

I am requested by Hon. John S. Watts, attorney for the heirs of Francisco Manuel de Aguayo deceased, to say to you that he has filed in said District Court for the adjudication of said title to a certain tract of land in said district, known as the Santa Rita del Cobre, under the Eighth Section of Article 6th of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the Act of Congress of June 22, 1854, Establishing said Court.

He directs me to be very particular in pressing before you the claim of said petitioners and obtaining the patent for the same as early as possible.

Agreeably to your instructions I have selected the Santa Rita del Cobre Mining district and one Dennis Quail, representing to be a citizen of said district duly sworn to the facts in said petition.

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
Chas. Graves
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office.
Santa Fé, New Mexico.
November 21, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor herewith to forward for your approval Contract No 51, entered into on the 19th instant with Robert M. Widder, for the survey of the Silver City town Site, in Grant county, New Mexico; the funds for the estimated cost of which survey, $125, and for office work incident thereto, $125, were deposited the 12th of January last by the Probate Judge of that county, under the acts of Congress "for the relief of the inhabitants of cities and towns upon the Public lands." And I also here inclose the certificates of deposit of said funds.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé New Mexico.
November 21, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Replying to the inquiry of your letter of the 9th instant, I have the honor to state that the area of Town. 2 S. Range 26 E. is 23,056.60 acres, as shown upon the Plat at this office and at the Register's.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servant
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office.
Santa Fé New Mexico.
November 23 1872.

Walter G. Marmon Esqr.
Las ..., New Mexico,

Sir Your application was made verbal application at this office for your appointment as Mineral Deputy Surveyor under the 2nd Section Act of Congress of May 10. 1872. and Major W. D. Crosthwaite and Hon D. W. Kaine have recommended the appointment.

Upon this application and recommendation I have made the appointment solicited, and herewith forward your Commission, dated today, authorizing you to execute the duties of Deputy Mineral Surveyor within and for the Territory. I have prepared a printed Oath for the oath to be taken and subscribed by Mineral Deputy Surveyors before they can legally execute their surveys. This oath you will have and subscribe before some competent Civil Authority, and return it to me for my official use.

I also herewith forward printed Standard Manual of Instructions for your use and for your Government when appointed, and also a printed Circular from the General Land Office of June 10. 1872 containing the mining laws and regulations now in force.

Respectfully your most obedient
Servant
Surveyor General

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San Miguel Co., N.M.
Sept. 4, 1872.

Hon Willis Armstrong
Commissioner of the Court at Santa Fe.
Las Vegas N.M.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day opened the last Court, held previous to the Grand Court Office by the Hon. [illegible] Judge, with the following Attorneys & Officers present, viz: Hon. Geo. W. Julian Attorney for the United States, Chas. Blake, Esq. U.S. Marshal, Jas. M. Giddings Esq. Clerk, Jas. M. Giddings Esq. Interpreter & Jurors.

I proceeded to organize the Court by calling the Grand Jury, which consisted of the following persons, viz: Wm. Rynerson, Foreman, Jas. M. Giddings, Clerk, Jas. M. Giddings, Interpreter, [illegible]

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Respectfully your obedient servant
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Surveyor General's
Office in Illinois,
December 6, 1872.

Hon. Willis Hudson and
Commissioners of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In order to avoid all conflicts in regard to locations on Military Bounty Land Warrants, it is important to know, as early as possible, the number of such warrants that will be presented for location in this State.

In order to obtain, approximately, this information, I have directed the Register and Receiver at each District Land Office in this State, to require from each applicant for a location with Military Bounty Land Warrants, a statement of the number of warrants he proposes to locate in this State, before he will be permitted to enter any of the public lands.

I have also directed the Register and Receiver at each District Land Office in this State, to report to this office, on the first day of each month, the number of Military Land Warrants, located during the preceding month

Office of the Surveyor General,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
January 11, 1872.

Hon. Commissioner,
General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith transmittals of approved plats of the following surveys:

No. 63, in the name of Vicente Ortiz
" 64, " " " Dominguito Sandoval
" 65, " " " Juan de Guadalupe.

Called for by you under date of December 22, 1871, and instructions of the Secretary of the Interior this date.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[illegible]
Surveyor General

Hon. Commissioner of the
General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I respectfully request that I may be allowed to withdraw my application filed in this office, the 22nd day of December 1871, for the location of Soldiers Additional Homestead Certificate No. 1,[illegible] issued to Maria Gregoria Gutierrez for the [illegible] quarter of Section No. 23 in Township No. 20 North of Range No. 1 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, containing 160 acres and 100/100 of an acre according to the official survey of the said land returned to this office by the Surveyor General.

My reason for asking the withdrawal of this application is that after the application was filed and the fees paid, I discovered that the land was claimed by the heirs of Juan Gutierrez, deceased, and that the said Maria Gregoria Gutierrez had no claim upon the land whatever.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
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Answer of the Register and Receiver, and will be able no doubt duly to present your claim

Respectfully, your
Obedient Servant
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

J. Escobar, Esqr:
Pueblo del Norte.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office.
Santa Fe New Mexico.
November 15, 1872.

Hon. Commissioner,
General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to Congress its action under the Act of July 22, 1854, in private land claims acted upon by this office, to wit:

No. 66, in the name of Joaquin de Gurulé et al
No. 67, " " " Luis de Baca et al
No. 72, " " " the Inhabitants of the Pueblo of Laguna

(Three, No. 67, Luis de Baca et al, was withdrawn, was acted upon and decided by my predecessor, November 18, 1871, and prepared for transmission, but was not forwarded, however as appears from the papers, on file in this case not copied into the transcript as from the papers and decision in the case not material in the premises and the genuineness and validity of the claim, and as I am informed on account of objections interposed by persons claiming to act under the Treaties of Peace in the event of the confirmation of the claim. Case was not ready for decision and decided by my predecessor; I deem that the only remaining action in the forwarding the case for the Executive Confirmation of the same

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

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Bancl Dist. Mex.
Accion No. 15[illegible].

Sir:

I regret to have to inform you that Antonio Pascual, Guillermo, Gilberto, Manuel de la Cruz Martinez, Guillermo de la Cruz Martinez, Francisco Antonio Cruz, Juan Cruz, Leopoldo Armendariz, Pedro Armendariz, Juan Pascual and Ygnacio Armendariz, citizens of the Republic of Mexico, on the 23d day of September A.D. 1869, for piracy, robbery & murder on the high seas, committed on the 29th day of March A.D. 1869, on board the Mexican schooner "Montezuma", of the burthen of 38 tons or thereabouts, and then and there belonging to citizens of the Republic of Mexico, were arrested by the officers of the U.S. Revenue Steamer "Wayanda" while in the act of committing the said crimes, and were brought into the port of Galveston, in the State of Texas, and within the District of this Court, and were committed to the custody of the Marshal of this District, to answer the charges against them.

The grand jury of the District of Texas, at the present term of this Court, have found bills of indictment against the said prisoners, and they will be tried at the present term of this Court, which will commence on the 1st Monday in May A.D. 1869, and continue for such length of time as may be necessary for the trial of the causes.

The Government of the United States of America, by the Attorney General of the United States, has employed me to prosecute the said prisoners, and I have been duly appointed by the District Judge of this District to defend them. I am informed that the said prisoners are destitute of means to employ counsel, and I am willing to defend them without fee or reward, if you desire me to do so.

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of the files of this office, the same not being cited, the reservations as they now stand were set aside for the President for military purposes October 4, 1868. The Navajo grant was surveyed by the U. States under contract with Thomas Means, a Deputy Surveyor under A. T. Hickey, Surveyor General in 1861.

Fort Selden, according to the plat of Military Survey, made by Brevet Second Lieutenant James H. Mackall Corps of Engineers, Chief Engineer of New Mexico, June, 1870, is located in "Latitude 32° 29' 05" North, and Longitude 106° 53' 30" West from Greenwich". As this point is situated in the Florida Mountains south of the Rio Grande, its official location is probably not within any of the land grants in this Territory! However I am led to believe that Fort Selden and the reservation attached are inside of an unconfirmed grant made by Mexico to the Mexican Government. This grant is in litigation & undetermined, and will perhaps be pending for years to come.

I have no information in regard to Fort Craig or any reservation at that Fort; but I am of opinion ignorant that it is on a grant belonging to private parties, and that Government holds under lease.

All the reservations in this State in regard to Military reservations were derived from the War Department, the changes have all been made by military authority, and are connected with the general Government.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proctor
Special Agent

Office Supt. Indian
Affairs N. M.
Santa Fe, N. M.

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Sir,

Enclosed is the [illegible] detailed account of [illegible]
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To this I reply that such claims cannot be separately and distinctly arranged and you are therefore directed to instruct the Deputy to meander both sides of the Rio Grande so far as the same constitutes the boundary of said claims that the area of such grant may be separately ascertained. By proceeding you will take upon the amount of the grant as a whole disposing to cause the cost of the additional survey"

The additional survey thus ordered by the Commissioner results and increase in cost of surveying and platting the grant to the sum of one thousand dollars.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
(Chas. M. Conklin)
Surveyor General.

Santa Fe, N. Mex.
November 20, 1874.

Hon. Commissioner,
General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit the declaration of Jesus Maria Baca y Salazar for confirmation of the Las Mesitas Grant in Conejos County, Colorado, and the report of the Surveyor thereon, together with the following papers relating to said claim, viz:

1st. Petition of Jesus Maria Baca y Salazar to the Governor of New Mexico, dated Nov. 20th, 1874.

2nd. Order of the Governor thereon, dated Nov. 20th, 1874.

3rd. Declaration of Jesus Maria Baca y Salazar, dated Nov. 20th, 1874.

4th. Report of Surveyor General, dated Nov. 20th, 1874.

5th. Letter of Surveyor General to Commissioner of General Land Office, dated Nov. 20th, 1874.

6th. Letter of Surveyor General to Commissioner of General Land Office, dated Dec. 1st, 1874.

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Whereas Governor Lew Wallace has issued his proclamation declaring that certain organized Companies of Militia in Lincoln and Rio Arriba Counties have failed to report to the Governor of New Mexico, and the public interest requires that said Companies should be disbanded, and whereas it is necessary to recruit the ranks of the many valuable citizens who desire to become members of the Militia of New Mexico

Now, therefore, I, Samuel B. Axtell, Governor of the Territory of New Mexico, do hereby order that the Companies of Militia in Lincoln and Rio Arriba Counties be disbanded, and that the Adjutant General of the Territory of New Mexico is hereby directed to issue the necessary orders to carry this order into effect.

Done at the Executive Office in the City of Santa Fe, this 24th day of September, A.D. 1878.

Samuel B. Axtell
Governor of New Mexico

By the Governor:
W. G. Ritch
Secretary of New Mexico

Executive Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
September 24, 1878.

George Wyan, Esq.,
Adjutant General's Department,
Socorro, New Mexico

Sir:-

Upon the petition of a number of citizens of Socorro County and the recommendation of Brevet Major General W. H. Wallace, I have ordered and you will please issue orders, directing the Commissioned Officers of the Militia of the District of Rio Abajo, to be available to your order, etc. You will receive orders to and direct this office via Cerrillos, Galisteo, Santa Fe and Bernalillo for your use as Government, to provide Journal of Surveying Instructions and provided Secretary of the Grand Guard Office at [illegible], Colorado [illegible]
and no duties will devolve

Respectfully your obedient servant,
Samuel B. Axtell
Governor of New Mexico.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 27, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

For the reasons as to Mineral Deputy Surveyors stated in my letter of the 24th inst asking additional copies of the mining circulars, I have the honor to request also additional copies - say 30 if to spare - of the Manual of Surveying Instructions, now unfortunately lost or unfurnished being about 6 thousand.

Very respectfully your obedient servant
Chas. E. Dowdall
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 31, 1872.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for approval the accompanying Official Plat of the Survey of the Exterior Boundaries of the Pueblo Grant of San Juan, New Mexico, executed by Deputy Surveyor Wm. M. Breeden under contract dated May 1st 1871.

The survey was executed in accordance with the Instructions of this office dated June 1st 1871, and the field notes of the survey were approved on the 19th inst.

Very respectfully your obedient servant
Chas. E. Dowdall
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé New Mexico
January 2. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith certificates of deposit of the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé, dated the 31. ult. respectively for $215.19 and $100 for field work and for office work in the survey of the Pedro Gonzendorin's private land claim No 33 and 34, being additional to those deposits for that purpose made by Mr. U. Addington on the 10th of October last, the certificates of which I forwarded on the 12th.

Referring to that portion of your letter of Oct 23 concerning the deposit stated that I had already (when the former deposit was made) taken Mr Addington's bond for any additional deposit that might afterwards be found necessary in the premises, as is the custom in this office in cases where the extent of the claim to be surveyed is not known to the office and in view of any subsequent instructions from the General Land Office. In this case your directions to meander both sides of the Rio Grande, forming the boundary common to the two grants — which I had not included or increased the amount to be deposited about one thousand dollars.

The work has been executed and returned, and will be forwarded to the General Land Office in a few days.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Thomas H. Smith
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office. 279
Santa Fe, New Mexico.
January 7, 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I Enclose herewith my official bond which is Executed in accordance with your directions contained in your letter of the 21st ult I believe.

I am Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Carlos DeBrodie
Surveyor General.
for New Mexico.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.
January 7th, 1873.

E. H. Darling, Esq.
President &c
Sir.

In relation in regard to the surveying of the Town site, I will say, I received,

the question whether the title of your corporation to its Town site is good or not is for the decision of the land office to determine in the first instance and is not in the jurisdiction of this office. I however have to say, that if your claim of title is good it is exempted by act of Congress from the operation of the town site law. See Vol 18, U.S. Statutes at large, page 64.

I have this day directed the Surveying of the Town site to proceed and think all proceedings have been proper and Legal,

I am very respectfully
your obedient servant
Carlos DeBrodie
Surveyor Gen. N.M.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 4, 1873.

T. M. Tidder
U. S. Mineral Deputy Surveyor:
Sir:

I ... letter of the 2nd inst
in which you ask to be instructed how to proceed
in case you find on the ground that a Spanish
or Mexican Grant of lands is based upon a forged or otherwise
fraudulent grant paper, is it proper to take the testimony of
our Chief Clerk whom I consider an expert in such matters? or
any other employee in the office? In making up the record to
send to your office, for transmittal to Congress would it be proper
to send the original transferis papers for the use of Congress,
with other original papers containing genuine signatures
of the parties whose names are supposed to be counterfeited &c-

Yours Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Jesus L Brondt
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
January 13th 1873

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington D.C.
Sir:

In case where there is suspicion that a Spanish
or Mexican grant of lands is based upon a forged or otherwise
fraudulent grant paper, is it proper to take the testimony of
our Chief Clerk whom I consider an expert in such matters? or
any other employee in the office? In making up the record to
send to your office, for transmittal to Congress would it be proper
to send the original transferis papers for the use of Congress,
with other original papers containing genuine signatures
of the parties whose names are supposed to be counterfeited &-

taining here verbatim copies duly authenticated.

As there is now in this office such a case pending Examined, but suspended, which is owned and represented by strong legal talent and large political influence, I would be greatly pleased with an early answer for my guidance.

The mails were suspended in anticipation of the Epizootic on the 4th instant, by what right or authority I am unable to learn, but it is rumored that it is to last six weeks without penalty or loss of compensation. We have no reliable information that the animals on any part of the stage line are deceased. Certain it is that the stage stock here is in splendid trim, waiting to be taken sick and no Epizootic within one hundred miles.

The matter is regarded here as a very great public hardship for which there does not seem to be any just or legal cause.

I telegraphed you on the 28th ult & pecting this stoppage of mail but have no answer. I telegraphed again to day and send this letter by a gentleman who hopes to reach the railroad in about two weeks.

I am Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

[Telegram]

Santa Fe Jany 13 1873

Commissioner General Land office,
Washington,

Mails suspended since fourth. Epizootic.
Mailed accounts thirty first, bond record. Are they received?
Answer

J K Proudfit

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
January 13. 1873

Hon Willis, Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I desire permission to move the office next May 1st The building now occupied stands in a field in the suburbs, a long distance from the plaza and business portion of the town where the other Government offices are situated. The road in front is narrow and crooked the premises are but partially fenced, and occupied night and day by cows, donkeys, mules and other stock, and covered by filth and rubbish. The house is one of the oldest and poorest that is occupied by people in the place. It is of adobe with a flat dirt roof that filters muddy water into every room when it rains, and the roof timbers are old decayed and in danger of falling in. The floors are native mud, the doors so low that we have to stoop to pass through. No room has more than one small window, and are not sufficiently lighted, especially for drawing which is to be good and rapid work. A more miserable and uncomfortable lot of little, low, dark rooms it would be difficult to find, and we have not enough room at that. The annual rent is $400 which is more than the whole value of the building.

I have several places offered and can get good quarters properly fitted up at an annual rent not exceeding $600. The cost of moving will be but a few dollars, and I have no doubt, but that office work can be done enough faster, to render the movement a matter of economy, as well as comfort.

I will be very greatly obliged by an early and favorable answer, as the owner desires to repair, and make some changes, and owing to mails being stopped, it will doubtless be a long time before you receive this.

I am Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. D. Woodson
Surveyor General

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Santa Fé, New Mexico, Jany 13 1873

George Wray Esq,
United States Mineral Deputy Surveyor,
Socorro, New Mexico,

Sir, Your note of the 8th inst. enclosing your Jurat oath as Mineral Deputy Surveyor was recieved today, and the oath placed upon the files of this office,

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor Genl's office,
Santa Fé, N. M January 14. 1873

Hon Willis Drummond,
Com'r of the Genl. Land office,
Washington, D. C.,

Sir, I have the honor to forward herewith, for transmission to Congress, the transcripts of two private land claims, in triplicate, as follows:

No. 68 in name of Luis de Armenta
" 69 " " " Juan Salas et al.

which have been approved by me,

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

[Same as above]

I have the honor to forward herewith the approved accounts of Deputy Surveyor J. Howe Watts for surveying the Pedro Armendaris confirmed private land claims Nos 33 and 34, together with a certified transcript of the field notes of the survey, and, seperately, on a roller, plats of the surveys, duly certified,

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

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U. S. Surveyor General's office,
Santa Fé, N. M. January 14, 1873.

Hon. W. A. Taylor
First Controller of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith, for use of your office, triplicate of contract for survey of certain confirmed private land claims, therein specified, entered into by this office, with Deputy Surveyor J. Howe Watts, dated October 12, 1872, and numbered 50.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor General's office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 15, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land office.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith a statement of all the moneys connected with the survey and platting of the Pedro Armendariz confirmed private land claims Nos. 33 and 34, payable out of Wilson Waddingham's deposits of October 10 and December 31, 1872, and also for adjustment and settlement, the approved account of W. W. Waddingham for the unexpended balance of said deposits and of J. Howe Watts for services for copying the field notes of the surveys, for the General Land office.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals office.
Santa Fé. New Mexico
January 20. 1873.

Hon. Willis. Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On the 14th instant I forwarded to the General Land Office. the papers in the completed surveys of the Pedro Armendariz grants, surveyed by Deputy Wells in November, 1872, conflicting as ascertained when returned - with the junior grant (The Bosque del Apache), surveyed by Deputy Griffin in November, 1871; but I neglected to forward at the same time the waiver by the owners of the latter of their privilege to contest before or through this office the correctness of the Armendariz surveys. I herewith forward a copy of this document, now on file here, as explanatory of the non-detention in this office of the Armendariz surveys in pursuance of your letter of March 29, 1871.

Very respectfully Your obdt Servt
James A Wrenfir
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fé. New Mexico
January 21. 1873.

N.B. Morley, Esqr.
Cimarron, New Mexico.

Sir:

I received this Evening your letter of the 16th instant from Cimarron stating that parties there desire to have surveyed at their expense a township or less of the Public land, which you think will necessitate the extension of the fifth correction line 6 or 12 miles and the extension North therefrom of a meridian 30 or 40 miles. You do not mention the Township meant, but say you could designate it upon the map and from your letter I judge the

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locality is about T. 27. N. R. 26 E.

It would not be allowable to extend guide meridians so far northward from the fifth correction line unless an insuperable object be known to exist preventing the extension of such work of which it appears the desired land lies. The survey of the township would involve a large amount of surveying necessarily incidental to it and this would have to be paid for out of a deposit of funds by the settlers interested at the rate of $15. for corrections and guide meridians and $12 for township lines, and the subdivision of the township when reached would cost $600. unless naturally fractional. As you are aware when the Township whose subdivision is desired is situated you can yourself make the Estimate for the deposit, and if upon verification here, it be found correct or nearly so, and the land be supposed to be public domain, and upon the Parties giving bond to make good any deficiency if any should result, the Estimate so made will be adopted, and a contract made for the surveying. I have no objection at all to contracting with Mr Kingman for the work, but under the regulations he could not proceed in its execution before the approval of the Contract by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

It seems probable from your letter, that the township referred to may be within the Beaubien & Miranda (Maxwell) grant: when you write please inform me on this point.

Respectfully your obedient Servant,
James A. Pronfit
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe. New Mexico,
January 20, 1873.

Hon. Willis, Commissioner
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington D.C.

Sir: Herewith I have the honor

for transmission to Congress the transcript in triplicate of private land claim reported as No 70 in the name of Antonio Sandoval, acted upon and reported by me under the act of Congress of July 22, 1854.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

U. S. Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
January 22, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith, certified as directed in your letter of the 28th ultimo, received to day, the bill of D. McClelland, $18, for 200 blank Township Plats received here in November last.

Very respectfully.
Your obedient Servant,
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fé, New Mexico.
January 25, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that, not doubting the expediency and propriety of doing so. I have on my books transferred to and incorporated with the salleries appropriation made by Congress for clerks in this office all those portions not yet applied or refunded of special deposits of individuals

made upon estimates of the Surveyor General, for office work incident to private surveys of any kind in this district thereby to that extent augmenting the amount of funds now available for clerk hire in this office.

I transmit a tabular statement showing in detail the condition of each of these deposits—materially, the amounts paid and refunded therefrom and the balances still unapplied and available.

Except in the few cases shown in the statement the office work in these cases has been charged and and paid for at the end of the quarter in the way of salaries to the regular employees in the office. The amounts so paid I therefore think are owing and due to the Congressional appropriation for clerk hire.

Unless otherwise directed by you I shall hereafter at once enter in the account with that appropriation the amounts of the office work deposits when made continuing nevertheless to keep also a separate account with each deposit proper and at the close of the fiscal year change, as reverting to the treasury under the act of July 12, 1870 any unexpended balance of the Congressional appropriation, and carry to the ensuing fiscal year any unpaid and unrefunded balance of the deposit.

These balances of special deposits not being unexpended balances of Congressional appropriations and for that reason not contemplated by the statute of 1870, do not I presume go into the treasury at the end of a fiscal year, and are at any time available. So that the account on my books with the clerks salary fund will show at the close of a fiscal year, that the unexpended balance if any, of the whole amount reverts to the treasury, less that of the special deposits.

The deposits for the field work in the cases of these private surveys have been or will be all settled without any transfer to or in any way affecting the appropriation for public surveys on the books of the office, and without appearing any where but in the account with the deposit.

Very respectfully your obdt servt

James A. Pinkett

Surveyor General.

Statement

Of Funds specially deposited for Office Work incident to Private Surveys in New Mexico, of amounts paid therefrom and of unapplied amounts still available for Clerk Hire in the Office of the Surveyor General and transferred on his books to the credit of the Congressional Appropriation for that purpose

Depositor	Tract Surveyed		Special Deposit.										Available Transferred
					Applied Therefrom			Refunded Depositor		Total Drawn			
	Name	Number	Amount	Deposited	Amount	To whom	Account dated	Amount	Account dated	Applied	Refunded		
Asa B Carey	San Pedro Grant	14											
Asa B Carey	Cañon del Agua Grant	70	$200	August 9, '66				$ 2 67	Jan 24, '67		$ 2 67	$ 197	33
William Rosenthall	Santa Rita Mining Claim		55	June 18, '69	$20 38	Draughtsman	August 25, '69	2 01	Aug 28, '69	$ 20 38	2 01	32	81
Warren P Shedd	San Agustin Mining Claim		100	July 7, '70	24 45	Draughtsman	July 23, '70	28 07	July 28, '70	24 45	28 07	47	48
Jose L Perea	Los Esteros Grant	16	75	Jany 12, '71				1 53	May 8, '72		1 53	73	47
John S Watts	Pablo Montoya Grant	41	150	June 29, '71									
John S Watts	Pablo Montoya Grant	41	100	June 3, '72				2 62	October 31, '72		2 62	347	38
Stephen B Elkins	Bosque del Apache Grant	35	100	Sept 21, '71				12 39	May 8, '72		12 39	87	61
Richard Hudson	Silver City Town Site		125	Jany 12, '72								120	00
Samuel Ellison	S. 14 N. R. 8 E.		100	March 29, '72				4 05	October 31 '72		4 05	95	95
Peter Maxwell	S. 2 and 3 N. R. 26 E.		150	April 26, '72	40 76	Draughtsman	Nov 16, '72	3 16		40 76	3 16	106	08
Wilson Waddingham	Pedro Armendariz Grant	33	100	October 19, '72									
Wilson Waddingham	Pedro Armendariz Grant	34	100	Dec 31, '72	29 16	Clerk	Jany 12, '73	30	Jany 13, '73	29 16	30	170	54
			$ 1355		$114 75			$ 56 80		$ 114 75	$ 56 80	$ 1183	45

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
January 25. 1873

James K. Proudfit.
United States Surveyor Genral.

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
January 25, 1873.

Col Nathaniel Pope.
Santa Fé New Mexico

Sir:

In compliance with the request of your letter of to day for an estimate of funds to be deposited for work in this office in connection with the survey of the Mill Site claimed by you under the Mining act of May 10. 1872, I have to say that I estimate for that purpose the sum of forty dollars, to be deposited with the designated Depositories at Santa Fé, to the credit of the appropriation of clerk hire in the office of the Surveyor General of New Mexico, a certificate of such deposit to be filed in this office in triplicate

Respectfully your
obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fé, N. M. Janu 27, 1873

Hon W. A. Taylor,
First Comptroller of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.,
Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith for use of your office, triplicate of contract for survey of certain public lands therein specified, entered into by this office, with Deputy Surveyors H. H. Griffin and H. H. Hindley, dated October 8, 1872, and numbered 47.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General,

U.S. Surveyor Generals office,
Santa Fé. New Mexico,
January 27. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the transcript of the field notes of the survey and the account for the work of Messrs W. W. Griffin and William McMullen, Deputy Surveyors, for eight townships subdivided by them under their Contract No 47, of October 8. 1872. and also, respectively, one a Roller, the plats of those townships.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James R. Dunlap
U.S. Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals office.
Santa Fé. New Mexico.
January 29. 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to Congress under the law of July 22. 1854 two transcripts, in triplicate, of private land claims viz.

No 41 in the name of Francisco Salazar et al and
" 72 " " " " Ventura Trujillo

the former of which has been approved and the latter disapproved by me.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James R. Dunlap
Surveyor General

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U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico.
January 31, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward for settlement the approved account of S.B. Chapin for services in this office as clerk during the month of January ending this day.

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
February 1, 1873,

Mr. A. G. Hoyt.
Register of the Land Office.
Santa Fé, New Mexico.

Sir:

By direction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office. I have to request the return to this office of the subdivisional plat of Township 14 North of Range 8 East, New Mexico, surveyed by Wm. H. Hill, Deputy Surveyor, and dated August 16, 1872..

Very respectfully
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 1, 1873,

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter handed to me by Hon. J.S. Watts, attorney, touching my opinion in the private land claim named "Ojo del Apache", transcript of which was forwarded by last mail. I having been unintentionally overlooked it.

It is kindly requested that it be forwarded to you

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico
February 1st 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I deem it proper to mention that the draft in favor of Geo Wells for services as clerk in this office in the third quarter 1872 referred to in my letter to you of December 4, and subsequently by telegraph as probably lost in the mails, has just come to hand as I am advised by him today

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor [illegible]

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Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
February 4, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to private land claim No 40 the Estancia grant, in the name of Antonio Sandoval, Transmitted to your Office with my letter of the 2d ultimo and in view of the circumstance that that number has been used to designate also the Sitio del Agua claim in the name of José Serafin Ramirez, in the act of Congress confirming it of June 12, 1866, statutes at large volume XIV page 588, I deem it proper to state that in this office there is no error or inconsistency in the matter notwithstanding the apparent duplication of the number 40,

The Ramirez claim was erroneously reported as No 40, instead of No 40,40 by Surveyor General Wilbar in his annual report of September 15, 1860, and in answer to letter from the Commissioner to him of October 24 on the subject he, in his reply of November 21, 1860, gave No 40 as the true designation of the claim. It is designated and known on my books as No. 40, as the Antonio Sandoval claim above mentioned is as No. 40, in the regular series of reported claims.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James A. Wadsworth.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico.
February 8. 1873.

W.R. Morley, Esqr.
Cimarron, New Mexico.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing a sketch map of the sections of country embracing the township you mention as desiring subdived and submitting an estimate of the cost of that and the incidental work in the field.

The sixth correction line north to be extended east to a point necessary in the premises would it appears necessitate its crossing a very mountainous stretch of 40 miles and traversing a district of about 48 miles claimed under the Beaubien & Miranda grant I should deem it proper and best to extend the fifth connection line east 12 miles 45.25 chains from the right bank of the Canadian river to the line between R 26 & 27 E. and thence run a guide meridian north to the line between T 27 & 28 N. so as to reach and survey the township to be subdivided to. wit 27 of range 26, or such township as, upon reaching the spot with the guide meridian might be found the one meant by the settlers, and if so desired the contract may be so worded as to cover that contingency.

The manner and amount of surveying in this case I estimate would require a deposit of funds of $1775 for field work and of $100 for office work which estimate of $1875. would no doubt leave an unexpended balance to be refunded to the depositor when the whole cost of field and office work should be ascertained and paid.

The deposit when made will be with the Designated Depositary at Santa Fe. the $1775. to the credit of the United States Treasurer on account of surveying the public lands, a certificate of deposit in triplicate to be filed in this office and the $100 to be in like manner deposited on account of Surv. Gen. in the Surveyor Generals office and the certificate filed. Same as in the other deposit.

In this connection I have to mention that the applications for survey and deposit of funds for survey

by settlers of his preference right to the land where an adverse claim exists, and that any contest arising concerning the land must be investigated and passed upon by the local land office before permission will be allowed or the deposit credited to the settler, and the depositary will be required carefully to report the character of the lands his lines shall traverse.

After the deposit of the funds as above directed he will proceed to enter into contract for the survey, the depositary as the regulations require being assured to proceed in the execution only after advise of approval of the contract by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Respectfully your obedient servant

[illegible]
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
February 10, 1873,

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of the thirty copies of the Manual of Surveying Instructions and Supplement, you were kind to send me the 5th ultimo as above stated.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James M. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
February 10, 1875.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to forward, for transmission to Congress the manuscript in triplicate of private land claim No. 75, acted upon and reported by me under the act of Congress of July 22, 1854. — . . . . . .

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe. New Mexico
February 10, 1875.

R. M. Holden, Esq.
Mineral Deputy Surveyor
Silver City New Mexico.

Sir:

I have been in receipt sometime of your returns of the survey of various mineral claims in Spring Hill mining district in Socorro County and of the Silver City Town Site in Grant County. Owing to a press of office business I have not been able to examine them with due care earlier, and finding various objections to the notes I herewith return them for correction.

A final objection is that they are returned in pencil. They cannot be admitted to file unless written out plainly in ink.

The mining claims returned, as surveyed are not respectively designated by names, nor is it stated at what distance each was surveyed. The number of the claims is not deemed a sufficient designation thereof unless the number you have distributed it by be the name of the claims which I guess is not probable The number &c of it seq (§ 88 Instructions of June 10, 1872.) is a designation to be ascertained and applied in this office not

not by the Deputy in the field.

The field notes are not dated: they must bear the date or dates the survey was executed: In this as in other requirements the Manual for Public Surveys must be followed when applicable in the execution and return of all surveys made by authority of the government.

In the case of the Silver City Town Site survey the authorizations and designations of tract by Judge Hudson of December 21 ought to bear the impress of the County seal, and I return it that you may request him to attach it

You do not mention in your notes what indications if any of mineral land you found along the lines, nor the general character of the tract whether mineral or agricultural land. If mineral indications were observed they should be referred to in the notes at the proper stations along the lines and in the general description at the end.

State in your notes the dates of commencing and concluding the survey of the Site.

The connecting line with the Public Surveys should have been a blazed line, and you will obliterate and destroy on the ground all the three miles along it mentioned in your notes.

The present locality of the town is said to be chiefly on the S.W. 1/4 of the Site. It would be well to state the ~~distance~~ course and distance of the settlement from the ~~Court House~~ S.W. corner, that is to say the relative position therefrom of the Court House or some other principal object in the body of the settlement proper; so that we may lay the town down on the map with accuracy.

I am preparing and will soon have printed instructions to all my deputies for the survey and return of claims and when done will forward you a copy.

Respectfully your
obedient Servant
James McDonald
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
February 1. 1873

R B Willison Esq

Dear Sir:

I have just receive d from the Com=missioner of the General Land Office a letter referring to me one from Hon T. B. Catron sent through Mr Little, with endorse ment, for investigation of charges which it contains.

The gist of the charges is that the part of T. 14. N R. 8. E. south of Galisteo creek and north of the Ortiz mine grant surveyed last spring by Mr. White, Dep. Sur. under contract with Genl Spencer and returned as agricultural lands were in fact notoriously known to be valuable Coal lands. In this Connection you are alluded to as follows:

"Mr Willison a former deputy surveyor who was well acquainted with the said fractional townships also about that time informed me that he had talked with White and told him the lands were Coal lands, and that White re= plied that he was satisfied of that fact and would sort them them"

The time alluded to by Mr Catron I understand to be August 10. 1872, when he left here to attend Court at Las Vegas.

I wish you would inform me by letter of any facts bear ing upon the matter without regard to date or who it hits or misses.

An early answer will greatly oblige.

Your very humble servant
(Signed) James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
February 1. 1873

Hon Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir:

Your letter of 7th inst in regard to survey of frac T 14. N. R. 8. E. N. M. with one enclosure reached me only yesterday

I hasten to reply in order to get fair on the record as I ~~found~~ find myself in a false position through no real fault of my own as I hope to show.

I arrived here a total stranger September 30. 1872 and found a large amount of business awaiting my action Among other matters I found your letter of Sept 20th 1872 returning and transcripts of field notes of said survey, the same having been illegally approved by my chief clerk Mr Hardy Miller for my verification and approval. The same letter states that Deputy White's account for the work had been adjusted and would be reported to the First Comptroller of the Treasury for his decision thereon. Subsequently the account was allowed and paid without further approval from this office

I examined all the documents pertaining to the case from the initial letter of Mr Ellison dated March 22. 1872 (Copy of which I enclose) including the field notes and plats and believing that all was legal and correct I caused Mr Miller's name to be crossed out in red ink from the approval and signed my own. I did this on or about October 18. 1872 without changing the dates from August 14 and 16 as affixed by Mr Miller to the transcript of the field notes and the plats not deeming it material, as I had legally entered upon the duties of the office August 1st 1872. On this point Mr Patron errs in his statement near the opening of this letter as my official bond was executed and approved August 1st 1872, and my services were recognized and paid for from that date to Sept 30, 1872 inclusive. In not changing the dates I think on reflection that perhaps I committed an error but with no sinister motive and believing at the time that I did the business properly, I certainly did not intend

I regret that the impropriety of my action was not sooner discovered that I might have corrected it before the date of Mr (Adrons) protest to the Receiver.

The letter of Mr Ellison asking estimates for the survey was dated March 22. the estimates were made March 26. the deposit March 29. and the Contract April 17. 1872. Mr White took the field May 23 and returned home June 8 and returned his notes to the office ~~the~~ July 17. 1872.

Surveyor General Spencer died June 19. and Mr Miller for the reason given in his letter to you of August 16 approved the notes August 10. and the plats August 16. 1872. and on the 20th same month the plat was filed by him with the Register.

Considering that the tract is a compact one of less than 3000 acres about 25 miles from this city; I think that the proof of too evident haste on the part of my predecessor and chief clerk, to get the work into the local land office rests largely upon the suggestions of Mr Dutton's letter. Of all this personally I know nothing but judge entirely from the records of the Office.

In accordance with your directions I have withdrawn the plat from the Registers office and will hold it subject to your orders. I find that on the 14th of November last 13 farms were taken on the tract covering nearly the whole of it which are marked "P" for preemption on the plat in red ink and are numbered 91 to 103 inclusive. This transaction took place about three weeks previous to Mr Little's endorsement on Mr Dutton's letter and he received three dollars from each applicant and gave receipts as I am credibly informed and verily believe.

Judging from the amount of business transacted by the Receiver at this City it is simply incredible that he did not know he was disposing of these lands "that he was satisfied" were "valuable coal lands". And why does he recommend after this transaction "that they be withdrawn from the operations of the homestead and preemption laws". I feel unwilling to suggest that it might be very proper for this vigilant watch dog of the public domain to rise and explain.

I never entertained the slightest suspicion of any fraud or irregularity about this matter of the survey nor that the lands were any other than what the field notes describe. It appears

from the correspondence that both Mr Catron and Mr Little did know of it and they must know of many others having the same knowledge to make it as they say it was notorious and yet neither of them informed me. If they had done so at any time I should have taken the responsibility of withdrawing the plat and asked your instructions. Certain it is that there has been a great abundance of time to correct the trouble before the landsmen dispersed of. "Too evident great haste" is not apparent in this connection, nor does any attempt appear to have been made in any proper manner to stop the swindle, if it is one, until now.

The first intimation I had of this matter was from Mr Catron on the evening of Jany 16. 73. at a private party. when he told me he had protested to Mr Little early in December on the subject. I remarked that I supposed as the matter was then situated it belonged to the Register and Receiver, to which he replied that Mr Little had made an endorsement upon it and sent it to the General Land Office.

I asked him if he could show me a copy of the paper and endorsement and he said he could not as he had none He remarked that he had not intended to reflect on me. And I said to him that I was very sorry he had not notified me, but I made up my mind then to await orders from you before making any movement. We had quite a conversation but I think I have given all the important points of it.

Mr Miller utterly denies any recollection of the alleged conversations with Mr Catron or any other knowledge of the land than that he has heard that there was coal in that region. He positively asserts his total ignorance of any suspicions of fraud in the matter upon the part of any person until I mentioned it since the 16th ult when I had the conversation with Mr Catron above mentioned.

Mr White is absent in the southern part of the territory, and I think has always sustained a good reputation in all respects, although I know but little of him, apart from what those inform me who have known him for years. There is no mail communication with him now, but as soon as I can I will ascertain what he has to say and report.

Dr. Spencer is dead. I did not know him but it seems strange that he should have let a contract to survey agricultural lands for settlers, when he knew they were coal lands and must be so returned. It is charitable to suppose that Gov Patron suggested to him.

Mr Hillers is at Silver City. I will write him at once and inquire what knowledge he has of the matter.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, a good deal of snow and also the fact that nearly all the animals here are sick with Epizootic, I fear it will not be practicable to make the examination required on the ground for some time to come. If I can satisfy myself by testimony of well known citizens, to be forwarded to you, what the true character of the land is, will that be satisfactory. I am not a geologist or a practical coal miner but if I go to the land I will make the best examination and report that I am able to. It may be that the Field notes and General description of the lands reported by Deputy White would have warranted me in directing him to return the lands as mineral or coal lands but I did not think so as he does not report having seen either minerals or coal on the lands or inside of the township. As I have before remarked I had no suspicion of wrong or knowledge of the land. I had no conversation with him or any other person as to the character of the land, and in that regard I endorsed the record he had made under his oath, as is the practice.

Do you desire my final opinion of the lands to be placed in the original book of field notes, or filed separately. I will of course furnish a transcript to your office in either case.

To conclude this so much of a lengthy letter, I propose investigating this matter as thoroughly as possible and to your entire satisfaction as well as for my own vindication and will report from time to time the progress I make until I am able intelligently and finally to decide the real character of the lands in question.

I am very greatly obliged to you for the copy of the letter of Mr Patron and the endorsement of Mr Little

for they have enabled me to clearly comprehend the difficulty and meet it in a fair and proper manner that will I trust be acceptable to you.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe N. Mexico
February 13. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington. D. C.

Sir:

Your letter of 9th ult enclosing bill of Wm Kirkdemann for a steel standard four pole chain $36.00 for the use of this office was received on the 31st ult, and the chain came on the 4th inst.— No mail has gone east since but it is said one is to go tomorrow.

The chain on being tested at 55° Fahrenheit by the standard yard in this office, excluding handles as directed by letter from your office of Sept 7. 1855. is found to be 4 inches too short, including handles it is 2 3/4 inches too long.

I request instructions and will hold the chain and bill until I receive them. I think it will be best for me to return this chain and I will rely upon a standards fixed upon the ground, by the use of the standard yard, thus dispensing with all further trouble and expense, in regard to a standard chain.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
February 14. 1873

Hon Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the Generab Land Office.

Sir:

Your letter of 31st ult announcing approval of my official bond, and transmitting my Commission came duly to hand yesterday.

I am very respectfully.
Your obedient Servant.
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
February 15th 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I respectfully submit herewith the semiannual property return of this office for the six months ending December 31. 1872 It is the first one made by me, as that for the term ending June 30, 1872, was made by Mr Dav. J. Miller, chief clerk, previous to my appointment to this office.

On carefull inspection preparatory to making this return, I find that many articles and things on the return inventoried, and that some of the least important are altogether missing. Other articles are hopelessly worn, shattered, and not only unserviceable but past repair, and of no real value.

Of chairs for instance, out of eleven carried but one (bought last June) was of any value. During last quarter I purchased six.

Of drawing instruments there are only some few articles. I shall order soon what seems to be absolutely required, to be charged to contingent account, hoping it will meet your approval.

The Solar and common compasses are both out of order

The "iron safe" is a laughable affair. It is a simple iron box—sides and door of iron plates about half an inch thick. The door opens upward like a lid—no cases, pigeon-holes or drawers. It has handles at the ends. The lock is broken, key lost, and hinges out of order. It was purchased in New Orleans in 1854, and is denominated in the bills of sale "Rich's Improved Patent Salamander Safe". It was shipwrecked on the Gulf of Mexico in transit as reported by the Surveyor General in 1854; and if it ever had any of the characteristics of a safe the stuffing must have got knocked out of it by the wreck, as I am informed it has always been in its present condition since its arrival here, and has never been used at all. It is of no use in this office; and I doubt if it is of any value whatever.

I have dropped from the return everything that is worthless, and also such articles as paper, ink, micilago, and many others which are being constantly purchased and expended, as necessity requires, and of which the stock is never large. Many articles now reported as expended are not so in point of fact—as for instance envelopes, of which we had on hand at date of return 1450 three cent stamped and printed for returns, as well as a small number of plain ones. Of course all goods on hand will be as carefully taken care of and used as ever.

I carry on the return all property of a permanent and substantial character, and have made the modification in absence of any special instructions, entirely to simplify the returns, believing that under my bond and oath of office no loss can occur to the government in consequence of the change. I am satisfied that the making of these returns has been regarded heretofore as being to a great extent—especially in relation to small articles and those being daily expended—a matter of form mainly. If the change does not meet your approval I will return to the former plan by making a complete inventory at the expiration of the current term June 30 1873, and take up and thereafter carry every article of value in my possession until expended.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James A Broadfoot
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 17, 1873.

Messrs. W. & L. E. Gurley,
Troy, New York.

Gentlemen— I send inclosed a memorandum bill for drawing instruments and articles, which please fill as soon as practicable and forward to my address here P. O. &c. sending to me your receipted bill in duplicate by mail to be used as a voucher in my account against the government for purchases.

I send to you by to days express, charges paid, a solar and two plain compasses and metal protractor waiting cutter, all of which I request you will repair, renovate and put in adjustment to render them perfect, including your charges therefor in the bill for the above. A memorandum is inclosed stating the repairs and changes needed so far as I have noticed though no doubt you will find others also required.

I also inclose for one of my deputy surveyors a memorandum bill for three chains, a set of pins and a pair of equatorial sights, all of which please forward packed with the other articles, and send separate bill therefor.

The bills I request you will fill and the articles purchased and repaired forward as soon as practicable and at your lowest rates with such discount off as you think proper for cash on delivery.

Please acknowledge receipt of letter and instruments, and state when repairs will be completed. If not soon, please send new goods at once.

Trusting from time to time further to patronize your establishment, I am

Respectfully Yours,
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

List of German Silver Surveying Instruments desired as described by number in W. & L. E. Gurley's Manual.

2 cases each containing instruments as described in No 4 ■, except the protractor but with the following articles added to each box.

No 10 1 Nothing Pen
No 12 Steel spring dividers

No 23 Brow Pen with pencil holder.

1 Germaw Silver drawing pen for red ink.

Also the following not to be duplicated.

No 29 one Germaw Silver protractor 8 inches

Diameter 1/2 circle 1/4 degrees

Vernier to 1 minute.

Fabers Hexagon gilt pencils 2 dozen each of No 1 3 4 & 1 Doz No 5.

2 copies Bunts Key to Solar compass.

1 " Hanes system of rectangular surveying

1 doz Red Chalk Pencils.

2 Pieces India Ink medium size the best.

1/2 doz Marking Irons

3 doz Germaw Steel Mapping Pens.

1 pair proportional Dividers Germaw Silver. 7 1/2 inches long divided for lines as per No 42.

1 4-pole steel chain No 10 wire with swivels

1 Grummaw patent drag chain 33 feet No 12 wire.

1 Steel 2-pole chain No 10 wire for standards measured.

16 Steel marking pins No 6 wire.

1 pair equatorial sights for Compass of your make

Memorandum.

Solar Compass,

A tangent screw to declination arc. Change ends with tangent screw to vernier plates and place it so that it can be used. Resilver the graduated circle and arch and generally do every thing that is needed to put it in perfect working order, and finally put every part in as perfect adjustment as possible— also equitorial sights and adjusters.

Large Vernier Compass.

Put on 2 new level vials instead of the Universal level— recharge the needle and put the Compass on a light tripod with only simple Staff.

Small Vernier Compass.

Put on one new level — and new clamp screw to Vernier plate— Fit spindle to socket— clean up

and repair what is needed and set it on a light tripod.

Put new center into German Silver protractor.

Box for Solar Compass.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 17, 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I respectfully ask leave of absence to go to Wisconsin, to arrange private business, and property and remove my family and household goods to this City.

I desire leave to be absent for sixty days and would like to leave about April 10th, but hope I shall not need all the time. I am aware that the time I ask is quite long, but I shall need nearly the time asked in which to transact my business preparatory to a final departure from my old home, and do the travelling.

If the leave is granted I shall observe the directions contained in circular from your office of May 1, 1871, as well as other instructions that I may receive.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
February 19, 1873.

Messrs Paish and Jones.
Mesilla, New Mexico
Gentlemen:—

Your letter of 8th ult has been sometime on hand & would have answered sooner but have awaited advice from the Commissioner of the General Land Office. He writes me that a board of Commissioners will

probably be provided for by Congress to ascertain Spanish and Mexican grants in this Territory; and I infer from his letter that he does not desire me to examine any until further orders elsewhere than at my office. At any rate he makes no suggestion as to travelling expenses; and I do not deem it necessary to go in the field at the expense of private parties, the object being to transact public official business. Should I receive anything further from the Commissioner on this subject I will again write you. I shall be pleased to hear any cases here; and witnesses who cannot come may send depositions taken before any officer having and using a seal.

Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fé New Mexico
January 24. 1873.

Howe Wells. Esqr.
Deputy Surveyor under Contract No 49

Sir.

Your contract of October 12, 1872 under which you are about to leave for the field, requires the work to be completed and returned on or before the first day of May next.

You are furnished with a descriptive plat of the County and description of the established corners adjoining your work on the east in as to assist you in finding localities and enable you to identify corners and reestablish such of those, if any, as may have been obliterated.

You have also the printed Manual of Surveying instructions of 1855; and supplement of 1864, and a full compliance with their requirements will be exacted.

After establishing west the second correction line north to the line between R. 8 and 9 W. as provided in the Contract, you will thence run and establish that line as a guide. Meridional north to the third Correction line closing thereon as provided in the Manual (page 14 new Edition)

and as in other cases of closings on parallels measuring and stating the distance from the closing corner to the standard corner which you will establish and describe on the third Correction line.

If it is probable that in extending west the third correction li- may strike the Sam Wales Mountains and its another extension be found impracticable. In this event you will stop at the east base of the mountains, and on its west side (if the guide meridian falls west of it) extend the correction line east to the west base of the mountain from the first standard corner west of the guide meridian

Should the third correction line strike the mountains and not cross it, then the standard corner immediately west of the intersection of the guide meridian will be placed at a point from the closing corner at said intersection the proper distance for the convergency of the meridians.

These double corners will also be established when the range line extended north to the third correction line intersect it unless the mountains prevent any of them from reaching and intersecting it in which case the base of the mountains will be meandered through the township thus made fractional.

The measured distances between closing corners and standard corners, the meander lines and such obliterated established corners, if any, adjoining on the east as it may be necessary to reestablish will be allowed in the account created under your contract.

You are directed carefully to note in your field-book all indications of mineral, or coal, observed on and near your lines, and if any be observed will state explicitly the kind and locality and as fully as may be the extent of the same, so as to enable the drawing Chainman to ascertain and distinguish on his plats that which is agricultural land and that which is mineral or coal.

You will state in the general description of townships those which in your opinion possess advantages to induce settlement and which ought to be subdivided.

Be particular always to mention the names if they have any of the streams, hills, branches, &c, your lines shall

cross, and take the bearings (from at least two points if practicable) of all prominent mountains and other permanent or natural objects.

Respectfully,
James Ch. Pumphrey
Surveyor General

U. S. Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
February 24, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of 14th inst. enclosing copies of circulars and instructions previously sent to me came to hand yesterday. The package was in good condition that some of the contents might have been lost.

Your letter of 9th inst. was received on 31st ult. and I have noted your contents.

Your letter of 5th inst. requesting additional clerk hire to bring up the work of my office and convey my request in regard thereto 31st inst. but I suppose that you would not expect an answer from me. I could only state that I have every thing that you decided as you did.

Your letter of 11th inst. in regard to your orders to proceed to the 31st inst. and I thought they did not require an answer but I will state that I have to pay that draft and all drafts that exceed for want of funds and indebtedness to August. As I have had to retain money until now for the draft of 15th to the Secretary of

myself and creditors would be pleased to receive the money as soon as practicable. Mrs Gold was the same desire).

Your letter of 31st ult enclosing descriptions of Surv. Watkins resignation arrived on 13th instant. I answered by same mail with this in a separate letter.

(In addition to letters named above I wrote to you

June 3, 73 sending certificate of deposit $216.19 of additional survey deposit & for survey of Commissioners confirmed private land claims, contract No 30.

June 13, 73. sending instructions in regard to certain testimony relating to private land claims, also enclosing stamps of the mails.

(Jun. 14, 73 sending transcripts of private land claims No 65 and 69, and also same day account of Deputy Wells for survey of Commissioners land claims No 33 and 34, certified transcripts of field notes and separately, on rolls, the plats.

(Jun 18, 73, transmitting account of office expenses in Commissioners surveys, and account of Wilson Waddingham Esqr. for amount to be refunded, and of Wayne Wells, as clerk.

(Jun 20, 73, Surveyor Greiner of Santa Fe surveys a grant which Surveyor conflicts with Commissioners, same day encloses transcript of private land claim No. 70,

(Jun. 22, 73. Surveyor approved bill of McClelland for transcripts plats.

(Jun 25, 73, Surveyor enclosed statement of unofficial moneys deposited for office work in surveys of private land claims,

(Jun 27, 73, sent account of Griffin and McMullen for eight transcripts embodied under contract No. 47, also transcripts of field notes, and separately, on rolls, the plats.

(Jun 29, 73, sent transcripts of private land claims 71 and 72

June 31, 73 sent account of S.B. Chapin Clerk.

Sept 1, " sent and enclosed letter of Judge Wells in regard to Ojo del Espiritu private land claim, stating that the last draft of Colin Wells, clerk, had come to hand.

Sept 4, 73. Explaining apparent error in numbering two certain private land claims.

Sept 11, 73. sent in triplicate transcripts and plats No 73

Feb 14. 73. acknowledging receipt of Commission
" 15, " transmitting property returns.
" 17 " asking leave of absence to go to Wisconsin for my family.

I have been thus particular to give list of letters sent to you since the mail trouble commenced. If anything that I have enumerated as sent from this office is missing please advise me that I may have copies prepared and forwarded at once

Mail matters are scarcely regulated yet but we are promised daily mails hereafter.

I have attended to all correspondence as promptly as possible, and I distinctly charge all the trouble and delay upon Barlow, Sanderson & Co, mail contractors, who receive an immense sum of money for violating their contract at pleasure and for no proper reason whatever. This blockage of the mail was the worst outrage ever known to be imposed upon the people and every business man in the territory understands it.

I hope I will be pardoned for suggesting the propriety of establishing a rule, that transcripts of field notes and private land claims, also accounts and bills, be acknowledged on arrival at your office. It would be very satisfactory to me as well as to persons who often enquire, if perfect they are interested in have safely reached your office. I assume from your letter of the 14th instant that you desire me to acknowledge receipts of everything from your office, which I shall hereafter do as promptly as mail contractors will allow me to.

I am very respectfully
your obedient servant
[illegible]
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
February 24, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 13th instant of your letter of the 22d ultimo transmitting copy of description of Fort Butler military Reservation selected by Colonel Pro P. Saunderson February 1, and approved by the Secretary of War March 22, 1861.

The copy of same description received with your letter of the 13th instant is imperfect and incomplete in that compared with copy received in letter of January 22, and does not bear the endorsement of the Quarter Master General and Secretary of War as the first copy does.

This is the first and only notification received in this office from the General Land Office of the recognized existence of this reservation. (As no such information had ever been communicated thence to this office, as in the case of other Military reserves, I was under the impression that the reservation made as it was so far as our records showed only by some authority here not legally and really such.

The predecessors since 1861 seem to have ignored its existence, since they have not caused it to be delineated on the map of the district: and indeed the plat of it on file in the office bears the word "vacated" written across it in red ink. Certainly it is the reserve described has never been occupied and used by the Military, though a Military post known as Fort Bascom upon land never declared a reserve, and now believe abandoned, was for sometime maintained by the Government on the Canadian river a short distance to the east of the Fort Butler reserve. And the latter is entirely or nearly so within the surveyed confirmed private land claim of Pablo Montoya.

In this connection I respectfully refer you to my remarks concerning the reservations as entered in my annual report of October last under the head "Valley Reservations"

This reservation does not appear to have been made by the President, as is the usual, and I think legal form. As the land is and was at date of reservation by the Secretary of War, private property, am I still to make the annotations on the map and treat it, as a Military reservation?

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) James K. Proudfit
U.S. Surveyor Gen'l N.M.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
February 25, 1873.

Wm E.W. Pettle.
Receiver of the U.S. Land Office.
Santa Fe New Mexico.

Sir:

A copy of a letter of Hon'd. C.P. Cabell U.S. Attorney addressed to you dated Dec 6, 1872, in regard to the character of the lands in Fractional Township No. 14 North of Range 8 East in this District with your endorsement, has been referred to me by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, with direction to investigate and report the facts.

I wish you would inform me at your convenience upon what authority and foundation you formed the opinion of the lands expressed in your endorsement, and especially the oral reports alluded to, when and by whom made, and anything else that will tend to aid me in forming an intelligent judgement in the matter to report to the Commissioner.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) James K. Proudfit
U.S. Surveyor Gen'l N.M.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
February 25. 1873.

Hon P.B. Catron.
U.S. Attorney
Santa Fe. New Mexico.

Sir:

A copy of your letter of Dec 6, 1872, addressed to E.H. Little Receiver, with his endorsement thereon in regard to lands in Township No 14. North of Range 8 East, and the survey thereof has been referred to me by the Commissioner of the General Land Office for investigation and report.

I request that you will inform me what proofs you can furnish or reliable information, oral or otherwise you have, apart from that mentioned in your letter to Mr Little, that will aid me in arriving at an intelligent judgement to report to the Commissioner.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K.P Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe. New Mexico
February 25, 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith, for settlement, the approved accounts of Messrs Levi. P. Drake, George W. Pratt and Byron J. Smith, employees in this office the periods in the current quarter respectively expressed in the accounts.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K.P. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Mineral office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
February 20th, 1878.

Albert M. Middens Esqr.
Mineral Deputy Surveyor
Silverdale, New Mexico,

Sir:

I have observed published in the Advertiser of this County notices of the filing of applications for patent for certain mining claims, stating from among other things that the first posts and pits of the same are on file in this office, none of which claims are shown from the description given in the advertisements to be within your district, but not yet duly reported to this office as required by my instructions and I am led to believe that the data given may not have been furnished by you.

As Deputy Surveyor you have no authority, directly or indirectly to any party the field notes or plat of his survey of any of these claims, the duplicate of his returns of the same to the Surveyor General are indeed at any time prohibited from so doing.

It is to secure his return of the survey to this office for the verification and adjustment of the Surveyor General, Under the law and my instructions this office does not recognize any claim based upon pretended surveys made by deputy surveyors, and but the duplicates of such surveys are required

Respectfully
Your Ob't Servant
Surveyor General

U. S. Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
February 26, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant is at hand and contents noted. I shall of course pay your instructions no heed before, and had not thought of doing differently. I am inclined in my letter of December 2nd, 1872, to report my initiation of clerks, to transact the business connected with private land claims as rapidly as circumstances desire.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) A. Bowdoin
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
February 25, 1873.

C. W. Pickett Esq.,
Register of the U. S. Land Office.
Santa Fé, New Mexico.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for the information of the Hon. Commissioner, instructions received by me from the General Land Office, dated Dec. 19th, together with an endorsement thereon by him dated 24th ult. stating that the land contained in Private Land Claim No. 21 New Mexico was reported, upon here-to-fore by the Commissioner of the General Land Office with instructions to investigate the matter and report the facts.

The survey was made by Deputy Surveyor Wm. M. Pike, under a contract with my predecessor in the year 1869.

Having made, since that time, an examination of the land, and examined into the

that you Thoroughly understand the nature and characteristics of coal veins and deposits. I have to request that you will furnish me with any information that you can in regard to the land, and the survey thereof, that will aid me in making a correct report to the Commissioner.

I am Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James N. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe. New Mexico
March 6. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter of the 21st ultimo informing me that the accounts of Messrs, Howe Watts, S.B. & Griffin W. Waddingham, J. McClelland and Griffin and McMullen forwarded from this office for settlement, had been passed to the Treasury for payment on the 11th, 12th and 19th ultimo.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James N. Proudfit.
Surveyor General

U.S. Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe New Mexico
March. 6, 1873.

Mr John Townsend
Office of the Receiver
Santa Fe. New Mexico.

Sir:

I am informed that you are acquainted with the

character of the lands in fractional Township No 14 N R 8 & 9 N. M. surveyed last year by Deputy Surveyor Wm White.

As I am investigating the matter by order of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, I deem it my duty to request that you will inform me, in writing at your earliest convenience, what knowledge you possess on the subject, and especially whether the lands are valuable coal lands, and if so where, where, and how you obtained the information, together with any other facts that may aid me in making an intelligent and truthful report to the Honorable Commissioner.

I am very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant.
James A. Pennefeather
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe. New Mexico.
March, 6, 1878.

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th ult in relation to fractional Township 14 N R 8 & New Mexico, is this day received and contents noted.

Soon after Deputy White returns from the field, and he is expected daily, I propose going with him to the land and examine it thoroughly as you direct. As it will take two or three days and necessitate camping out, I desire to wait a short time as the weather is becoming milder all the time, but is still quite cold nights.

Mr A.G. Hoyt Register of the Land office returned here on the 4th inst. On the 28th ult. I addressed a letter to him asking his opinion of the lands as I understood that he was well acquainted with them. I have not as yet an reply from him. I addressed him letters to Mr Pitts and Mr Eaton. Mr Pitts

after receiving the letter called upon me and verbally gave Mr Hoyt as his authority, that Hoyt knew the character of the lands from personal examination made when the survey was in progress last May or June. He said he did not like to put it in writing fearing it might hurt Mr. Hoyt. To this I replied that perhaps it might hurt them both if he did not, as I should report the facts to the General Land office, no matter whom it hurt. He then said he would write me on the subject. This was on the 27th ult. On the 30th inst he left for the States without making the promised reply.

On 23d ult Mr Catron at his office said the same to me in substance that Mr Little afterwards did as to Hoyt's personal knowledge of the land from examination made at the time of the survey. This day I have a letter from Mr Catron to my letter of 25th ult. in which he gives Mr Hoyt, Mr Willison and two gentlemen now in Europe as his authority. Mr Willison writes me that they are coal lands and he so advised Mr White. It might be proper to say that Mr Hoyt is a man of large experience and knowledge as to coal lands and deposits.

I expect to be able to show in my final report, beyond a reasonable doubt that both Mr Hoyt and Mr Little knew the lands to be valuable coal lands, months before they allowed them to be pre-empted as agricultural lands and Mr Catron admits that he knew they were for the last year or more.

I am very grateful to you for acquitting me of blame in the matter. It is a very annoying affair but I will do my best to arrive at and report the truth.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James H Proudfit
Survey. or. General.

U.S. Surveyor General's office
Santa Fé New Mexico
March 8. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to Congress private land Claim reported as No 74, acted upon and approved by me on the 19th ultimo under the Act of Congress approved July 22. 1854.

Very respectfully your obedient servant
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

U.S. Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fé. New Mexico
March 8. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummonds.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt to day of your letter of the 25th ultimo returning the plat and field notes of the survey of the claim of the San Agustin Mining Company upon the San Agustin mine, that a new survey may be made and a new plat and transcript of field notes then prepared, the claim as surveyed before having been found illegally large.

I will at once notify Mrs. Shedd, at whose instance and expense the former survey was made, of the contents of your letter, so that he may take the necessary steps for the survey of the claim as reduced, furnishing him at the same time an estimate for the additional deposit of funds to be made for office work.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
James K Proudfit
Surveyor General

U.S. Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe. New Mexico
March 10, 1873.

Harrow G. Shedd, Esq,
San Agustin Spring.
Via Las Cruces, N.M.

Sir:

I have received from the Commissioner of the General Land office a letter dated the 25th ult. returning, a copy of which I here enclose to you, returning to me the plat and field notes of the survey, made at your instance in July 1870. of the San Agustin Mine, and ordering another and different survey of the claim as by him reduced from 3000 to 1000 linear feet.

Should you desire to have another survey made it will be necessary for you to make a deposit of funds to pay for the office work incident thereto. I estimate for this purpose the sum of fifty dollars; and upon your filing with me certificates in triplicate of the designated depositary at Santa Fe that said sum has been deposited with him to the credit of the appropriation for surveys in the office of the Surveyor General of New Mexico, and upon your naming some commissioned Mineral deputy Surveyor with whom you have arranged to make the survey, I will furnish the necessary special instructions for the due execution of the work.

Respectfully Yours,
Chas N. Bradford.
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe. New Mexico
March 10, 1873.

Hon. William Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I respectfully request that if practicable you

will cause printed copies of transcripts to be sent to me, say two or three in each case, of private land claims Nos 42 to 44 inclusive, together with one lettered "S." forwarded from this office, having been acted upon by me: also copies of your report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James A Tornquist
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé. New Mexico
March 10. 1873.

Wm. Wills Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of 26th ult. in regard to Standard chains came to hand yesterday.

I am unable by patient examination to find the grooves mentioned, or any marked and definite points in the chains, "the centers of the handles" seems indefinite and variable for a standard chain.

Standard chains, from Gale, tempered steel, with solid brazed links and rings, precise length and finest finish, are furnished and guaranteed by the most celebrated and reliable makers for not exceeding $15.00. This chain which is strong and heavy, unfinished, incorrect and with cast shut links and rings is $36.00.

Chesterman's Patent steel tapes 66. feet long, which is a better standard measure than any chain can be had for about $30.00.

I return the chains by mail to day and request that I may be allowed to procure a standard chain or tape of steel for the use of my office or use a standard marked on the face of the earth according to the standard of yours

I am Very Respectfully your obedient Servant, James A Tornquist
Surveyor General

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
March 10th 1873

Genl Gulet. Esqr:
Santa Fé, N.M.
Sir:

I have to advise you that on the 30th of April next I will vacate your premises, now occupied by the United States Surveyor General, by removing therefrom the office and appurtenances.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
March 11. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Having observed that estimates were submitted by you for the Surveys during the coming fiscal year of 75-miles of the Eastern boundary of New Mexico and 60 miles of the South boundary of Colorado, and that the lines connect. Mr Lewis Kingman, C.E. now Employed in this office as draughtsman, requests me to apply to you for the work for him, if it has been provided for by law.

Many settlers and others desiring to make settlements having urgently requested that some public Surveys be made in the North East part of my district east of the claimed boundaries of the Maxwell grant, in view of extension Survey building into the district of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fé. R.R. which has no land grant in this territory. I had resolved, subject to your approval to give Mr Kingman a contract there, in the coming fiscal year.

This work will be about 50 miles from the

boundary mound which he desires and hence it will be very convenient for him to execute.

Mr Hungerford is an engineer of thorough scientific education, training and experience. He is quiet, unassuming, of first class habits professionally ambitious and thoroughly conscientious. All his acquaintances, myself among the number, stand ready to back him or bail him to the extent of our ability that if allowed he will perform the work perfectly and precisely according to contract and instructions.

He has a first rate outfit, having been in the field all last season on railroad and similar work, he has a perfect solar compass and a transit for observations by sun or stars and knows how to use them.

He will be prepared to execute the work at any time that you may desire and direct. If you will send contract to me I will perfect it on his part observing any instructions you may give

Mr King mayor refers to, J. Herbert Shedd Esq in charge of Providence Water Works Prov. R.I. William Eason M.E. Studio Building Boston Mass. Isaac K. Morris City Engineer Lynn Mass. Hamilton E. Towle, C.E. No 30 Cornhill Boston & N. Y. City. Jacob Birkinsdefer C.E. Civ Engineer Atlantic and Pacific Ry, ~~Thomas McKeever, C.E. and Ry Superintendent St Louis Mo.~~ Thomas Prince Jr Late president St Louis Mo. now Genl manager Kansas City & Thos McMinnis M.E. and Ry Superintendent St Louis Mo.

I can assure you that if you give Mr. K. this work you will confer a favor and benefit upon a Loyal Republican, a most deserving gentleman and I assume a perfect, of the work desired

I am Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James A. Prendergast.
Former Governor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
March 18th 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

Your letters of 8th instant one in relation to Fort Butler Military reservation and one relating to list of letters contained in my letters of 24th ultimo were both received this day.

I am Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
James A. Goodfellow,
Surveyor General

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
March 20. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt to day of your circular letter of the 11th instant, giving directions for the preperation and transmission of my estimates for the Surveying Service in this District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874: and of my annual report.

Very respectfully Your obedient Servant.
James A. Goodfellow
Surveyor General

U.S. Surveyor-Generals Office
Santa Fe. New Mexico
March 21. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by todays mail of a printed copy of each of the private land claims Nos 49 to 72, inclusive, acted upon by this office, except No 61, in the name of Juan Carlos Cantisévan et al, acted upon March 23 and transmitted April 4, 1872, by my predecessor.

None of your predecessors has ever furnished this office with any of these printed transcripts, though no doubt all were by Congress ordered to be printed, I shall be under additional obligations to you if you will cause to be furnished me at least one printed copy of each of the 74 cases hitherto transmitted from this office, less the copies now first received, to be bound and kept in the office for convenient and easy reference.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
Jas. K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
March 22. 1872

Hon R.H. Taylor
First Comptroller of the Treasury. Washington. D.C.

Sir: I have the honor to enclose for the use of your office triplicate of a contract entered into on the 19th of November last with Robert M Kidder for the Survey of the Town Site of Silver City in this Territory and Land District.

Very respectfully Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
March 18. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit the transcript of field notes the plats and the account for work done for the subdivision of T. 9. 10 and 11 N. of R. 29. 30. and 31 E. executed by deputies Griffin & McMullen under their contract No. 47. of October 8. 1872.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
March 19 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the transcript of field notes and the plat of the survey of the Silver City Town Site, executed by Deputy Surveyor Robert M. Kidder under his contract of Nov 19. 1872.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
March 24. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

Col J. Howe Watts, deputy Surveyor who surveyed the Armendariz confirmed private land claims last fall under contract No 50, with this office calls today and informs me that his drafts for the work are stopped in the office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury awaiting resettlement of Paymaster's accounts.

He represents that he does not yet know what the trouble is as he only has a dispatch from his father stating the naked fact. He says he supposed his accounts as paymaster were all settled and does not know what is meant by the required "resettlement." He has had several accounts allowed and paid of late years for work done as draughtsman and clerk in this office and one has been allowed and paid for office work done by him upon this very survey of the Armendariz grants amounting to $29.16 which was sent forward since the account for the field work was sent He informs me that he owes for his supplies hired men and all costs of those surveys, and says that he is utterly unable to pay any part of it unless his accounts are paid. He says one of his bondsmen as paymaster is Mr Hunt of the firm of Hunt, Washington & Co's Bankers of Washington City, and that his bond is abundantly good if anything is due and that he has sent to Mr Hunt a letter in regard to this matter with power of attorney to arrange it. He seems to be anxious to make his accounts all right and desires especially to be enabled to pay the men who helped him do the work last November and those who lent him money and furnished him supplies to prosecute it. It is suggested whether it is proper for the Comptroller to stop

this money as it is really the money of the private parties who own the grant and not public money in fact. It is only in the hands of government in trust to pay for this surveying.

Whatever view may be taken of the matter it is a great and peculiar hardship to Watts' creditors who have helped to perform the work, and furnished money and supplies upon the strength of an approved contract with government. He expresses a willingness to have the drafts sent to my care, and that he would endorse them to me, have me draw the money pay the bona fide debts that he contracted in prosecuting the work and retain the balance subject to order of the government or indeed he says he is willing to accede to any arrangement that can be effected to secure the pay of his creditors leaving any thing that may be due him until he can get a final settlement.

I am willing to undertake any thing that is directed in the premises, I do not know that I have any urgent advice to offer but think it would be an act of simple justice to allow him his pay or at least a part of it that he may pay innocent creditors a number of whom are very poor men to my knowledge. I suggest this in view of his claim that his bond as paymaster is entirely good and that neither himself or bondsmen have had notice for some years that anything was wrong with his accounts. Of the truth of this claim of course I know nothing.

I am very much annoyed and feel very badly about the matter but I had no suspicion of any cause of trouble until now. ...

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James R. Frandfit.
Surveyor General.

[Telegram]

March 24. 1873.

W. Drummond.

Commissioner of the General Land office

Washington

Watts absolutely abandons his Contract forty nine shall Delet work. Letter today explaining - Answer

James A Wood fis:

Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office

Santa Fé New Mexico

March 24. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond.

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In consequence of the stoppage of his pay for surveys of Boundaries private and claims, mentioned in my other letter of this date. Col J Howe Watts abandons the execution of his contract No. 49 of Oct 12, 1872 with this office and all claim for compensation. He gives as a reason his total inability to prosecute the work under the circumstances. He is entirely without means or the even prospect of any that he can rely upon and protests that he cannot incur any further personal liability while there is any doubt as to being paid. I have telegraphed to you to day for permission to delet the work. I will soon forward a new contract with Geo. H. Pradt. a fine Civil Engineer, to execute the work unless otherwise directed, by June 30. 1873 Anticipating your approval I have taken the responsibility of directing Mr Pradt who is now in the field as Compass-man for Watts to proceed with the work as under contract himself. I have sent a special messenger to him about 150 miles from here by the road, with these directions and contracts for him to execute. I have done this for the reason that he is now on the ground with an expensive outfit and would otherwise have to remain in idleness awaiting orders I suppose this course if approved by you will not discharge

Col Watts bond or affect the remedies of the government under it, and any other course that has occurred to me will involve the men in considerable loss who took the field with Watts and commenced the work.

The lateness in the fiscal year is another reason why it is desireable to have the business reconstructed as soon as practicable.

Col Watts will have no further interest or concern in the matter either directly or indirectly; nor in any other business connected with this office, while I hold it or at least until he shall honorably and fully adjust all his accounts as paymaster. *

I am Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
James H. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

* Trusting that my action in the emergency will meet your approval or that I will soon receive instructions if you disapprove or wish me to modify my course

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
March 24. 1873.

George H. Pradt. Esq.
In the Field near Laguna New Mexico.

Sir:

I have just been notified by Col Howe Watts, contractor for surveying the lines of the public surveys mentioned in his contract No. 49 of October 12. 1872. that for reasons given by him he abandons the execution of the work and waives all claim for compensation for any portion thereof

In view and consideration of this fact, and as his party of assistants is already in the field, and I have a portion of the work already done, I deem it well and expedient to provide that it be continued to completion;

Aware of your thorough competency in the premises and of your presence on the ground, as Commissioner

for Deputy Watts. I hereby authorize and direct you to take responsible charge of and finish and return the same, until if you desire a formal contract can be made with you therefor.

I have today advised the Commissioner of the General Land Office by telegraph of Deputy Watts' abandonment and of my action in the emergency by letter and in the letter recommended that I be authorized to enter into contract with you for the work. I enclose for the signiatures of yourself and two bondsmen three blank contracts, which when perfected I propose, if you desire to do the work, to forward to the Commissioner for his approval.

As Deputy Watts states he has thrown up the contract entirely it will be necessary for you and your assistants to take an oath before some officer capable of administering it as required in the Manual and arrange with the employees now with you for their pay. I think there is no doubt that the work done by you under this authority and special instructions will be recognized and paid for by the government.

You will be governed in its execution and return strictly by the Manual of Surveying instructions and until further orders from me by the Special instructions furnished Deputy Watts for the same

February 24. 1873.

Respectfully Your
Obedient Servant.
James K. P. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
March 25. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:

Your ltr. of 17th 6th instant granting me leave

of absence for sixty (60) days is just received, having been remailed on the 10th instant at Fort Sill in the Indian Territory.

I am very much gratified with the favor and expect to leave about April 15th and will advise you hereafter of the precise time.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé. New Mexico
March 27. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington. D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward for settlement by this mail the approved salary and incidental expense accounts created in this office during the quarter ending the 31st instant except those previously forwarded

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
James K. P. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
March 31st 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington. D. C.

Sir:

Having forwarded to the General Land Office on the 29th instant the transcript of field notes and the plat

of the survey of the Silver City Town Site, I have the honor now to transmit, for adjustament and settlement a statement of all the costs of the survey and incidental work and the accounts of the Deputy for the field work and of the Depositor for the unexpended balance of funds to be returned to him.

The charges for office work are included in the Salary accounts of Messrs. Miller, Stivers and Ningman for the quarter ending this day, in perenance of the practice explained in my letter to you of the 25th January last.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
James T. Broadfit.
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
April 2, 1873.

Messrs H & E. Gurley
Troy, New York.

Gents:

On the 14th of February last I sent to you by Express, charges paid, a solar, two plain compasses and a protractor for repairs. I also wrote by mail same day directions for repairs, orders for new goods and requested acknowledgement of receipt of instruments and letter and that new goods be sent soon. Envelope was endorsed to return if not delivered in ten days.

As I ought to have heard from you in twenty days at furtherest, I have become uneasy and request that you will inform me at once why I hear nothing from you. I have greatly needed the new goods ordered and shall soon need the compasses, wish to know if your purpose filling the order.

Very Respectfully
James T. Broadfit
Surveyor General

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
April 2, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Under the Mining Law of May 10th 1872. and Circulars thereunder from your office of June 10th 1872. the question is raised, whether, in cases of Surveys of Iron Mineral mill site claims, the certificate of the Surveyor General to the plats, should contain the clause in regard to value of improvements which is required in cases of Mining claims proper, according to the form set forth in your letter of Sept 13. 1872.

As the only case which I have acted in inserted the clause, deeming it proper, and shall require the necessary data from Mineral Deputy Surveyors, and shall continue to practice it in my certificates to plats in such cases, unless otherwise directed by you. If I am wrong please advise me soon, as a number of such surveys, will soon require certification in this office.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
James D. Proudfit,
Surveyor General

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
April 4, 1873.

Wm. V.S. Shelby.
Cincinnati, O.

Sir:

Col. J. Holmes, Watts has

one his bondsmen with Mc Donald and before I can relet the work I want the consent of his bondsmen. Mc Donald has signed written consent and I wish you would telegraph as follows at my expense if willing "I consent that Watts abandons his contract for public surveying." I will pay it and explain to you when you come here.

Yours Truly
J. M. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico.
April 6th. 1870.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th ultimo in regard to abandonment of contract by J. Howe Watts came to hand on 3d instant.

Enclosed with this I transmit to you copy of release in writing by Messers Mc Donald and Shelby bondsmen for Watts, the original being on file in this office.

I also enclose for your approval a nunc pro tunc Contract with George H. Pradt for the work provided for in the Watts contract together with some additional lines to be run in lieu of lines which I have learned will have to be left out on the slopes of Mount Taylor and the San Mateo mountain range in the Northern part of the work.

A part of the work has been already executed, and Mr Pradt takes all the responsibility, assumes all pecuniary liability, and so I have made the contract nunc pro tunc Mr Watts having personally performed no part of the work or having any interest whatever in

the Trio Contract.

I am Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
April 5th, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am requested by the parties in interest to inquire if the accounts for clerk hire of S.P. Drake, Geo. H. Pradt and B.J. Smith forwarded from this office last February 25th have reached your office and are approved for payment.

I am Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
April 5th, 1873.

Wm. White, Esq:
Deputy U.S. Surveyor.
Santa Fé New Mexico

Sir:

With this I hand you copy of a letter of Hon P.B. Cutting U.S. Attorney to W.H. Sills, Receiver of the United States Land Office regarding your survey of fractl Townships 14 N. R. 8 E., dated Dec 6. 1872 together with endorsement by Mr. Sills.

I desire that you will give me any

information that you have upon the matters therein set forth at your earliest convenience.

Yours very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Pondfit,
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
April 7. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letters of January 7th and February 25th last, with enclosures in the former in relation to the survey of that portion of fractional township No. 14 North of Range 8 East which lies south of Galisteo creek, I beg leave to report:

That I wrote to Mr Catron February 25th copy herewith marked A. and received from him answer dated March 4th, copy herewith marked B.

On February 25th I wrote to Mr Settle- copy herewith marked C- and have received no answer, except a verbal one as set forth in my letter to you of March 6th.

On February 28th, I wrote to Mr A.G. Hoyt- copy herewith marked D and have no reply in writing. Mr James T. Marshall, who had charge of the Registers office in Mr Hoyts absence, replied February 28th. copy herewith marked E-. Since his return Mr Hoyt called on me, and said that he was sure the land was good coal land, and that he thought Mr White was greatly to blame for not so reporting it. I asked him why he allowed it to be patented in that case, and he said because it was not reported as coal land.

On February 1st I wrote to R.B. Williams, Esq. at Silver City- copy herewith marked F-

and received, reply dated, February 22nd copy herewith marked G.

On March 6th I wrote to Mr John Townsend clerk for Mr. Little, copy herewith marked H. Mr Townsend, who claims to be a practical coal miner of many years' experience, called and reported that he knew the land well, that it was undoubtedly underlaid by large deposits of coal of excellent quality. He submitted a specimen of coal which he said he took from the land. It is apparently a very fine coal, neither bituminous nor anthracite but resembling both in some respects.

On the 5th instant I wrote Mr. White, deputy surveyor copy herewith marked I- and received answer this day, copy herewith marked K-

I desire that my letters to you of February 1st and March 6th may be considered as part of this final report.

During the past week I made a personal examination of the land and the survey as directed by you. I found the land to present the appearance set forth in Mr. White's field notes, the corners properly marked, and the survey well executed. I found outcrops of good coal in large veins in deep gulches or canons, and many indications of coal in the formation. I also found iron ore at several points. The color of Gold, I am credibly informed and verily believe has been found in many of the canons. I found none of the deposits or indications of coal or minerals on the lines or in sight of them. The country on all sides of this tract contains coal, gold, silver, iron, and probably other metals. The immediate vicinity is considered by those competent to judge to be one of the richest mineral districts in the western territories.

From what I learn from my personal inspection of the lands and from statements of credible persons made to me in writing or orally, I am of opinion that the land in question is more valuable for its coal alone than for agricultural purposes

and have made an addendum to the original field notes on file in this office, copy herewith marked "C". I have made additional certificate to the original plat on file in this office, copy herewith marked "D". I have changed the date of my original approval of the field notes and plat to October 18, 1872, which was the real date at which I acted upon them as shown by the records of this office.

In examining the land I saw no indications of present occupation for any purposes, except that I saw a few cattle and sheep grazing and saw one or two half built and wholly ruined shanties, similar to those often used by herders and shepherds in this region.

There has been little or no disposition shown by the Register or Receiver to assist me; and indeed I think they have both acted very strangely to say the least.

There seems to have been a great deal of misunderstanding or misrepresentation connected with this whole affair, and a variety of motives have apparently actuated the parties mixed up in it. It is greatly to be regretted in my judgment that the Register and Receiver did not use their knowledge of the land to prevent the matter from going so far as it has, thereby saving a great deal of labor and some expense. Had they done so there could have been no preemptions made; and I am satisfied that the preemptions were not made in good faith for agricultural purposes, neither was the application for the survey. It was undoubtedly a dodge of some speculators, known here as the "Dutchmen", to get the lands at a cheap price, as Mr Eatrow charges in his letter to the Receiver, and was allowed to proceed until the Receiver had received the fees for the preemptions which was rough on the Dutch.

I still hold the plat which I withdrew from the Registers Office subject to your order, as directed in his your letter of January 4th

last, and as no advice in regard to it.

The account for expenses of the examination in the field, which will be small, will soon be forwarded.

All of which is respectfully submitted

James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe. New Mexico.
April 9. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letters of 31st ult. two in number, announcing your approval of the accounts of S.P. Drake. Geo H Pradt and R.C. Smith, transmitted from this office, July 25th last, and the account of Griffin and McMillen, transmitted from this office, on the 15th ult.

Have very Respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
April 11, 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose for payment the account for survey expenses for executing examination of the lands of T 14 N. R. 5 E., as required by your letter of January 4, 1873 and by ~~the~~ instructions thereon by me the 7th inst.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé. New Mexico
April 10, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for settlement the account of Lewis Kingman for services in this office as temporary Draughtsman nine days.

Very Respectfully Your obedient servant.
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
April 11. 1873

Messrs Davies & Whitford.
Cimarron New Mexico.

Gents:

Your letter of 7th inst is at hand. The Beaubien and Miranda grant was confirmed by Congress to their legal representatives and no patents will issue to any other parties if presume.

Any survey made by authority of this Office, can only be to determine the out boundaries so as to segregate from public domain.

Am Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
April 12. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith statement of deposit and expenses and account of Nathaniel Pope for unexpended balance to be refunded him in the matter of the survey of the Pope Mill Site under the mining statute of May 10 and your printed regulations of June 10, 1872.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James A Wright
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico.
April 12. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

As many of the blank forms for contracts and bonds of deputy surveyors now on hand for use in this office are worn and torn, I would thank you for a further supply if to be had blanks of more modern preparation than those of "186," last furnished.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
James A. Wright,
Surveyor General.

U. S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
April 12. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith I transmit for your approval two contracts for public surveys to be paid for out of the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, one with Griffin and Mc Mullen and one with Lewis Kingman. I have made these contracts at this time because I wish to avail myself of my leave of absence to go east for my family and because it is desirable to have the work progressing in May and June as provided on 4th page of printed instructions of June 1, 1864 edition of 1871 I have not proposed to allow any work to be done under these contracts, if approved, until after I have notice from your office of the money having been appropriated nor until after May 1st. As in each case it is a long distance to the field of operations the contractors will be greatly obliged if you will telegraph approval of contracts and permission to commence work after May 1st.

I have no doubt but that official information of the $ 20,000 appropriated for public surveys in this District for the coming fiscal year is now en route to this office and so for reasons above stated I have anticipated the arrival of the official notice, in the mean writing of the contracts.

I am Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant.
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

U.S. Deputy Surveyor's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
April 15, 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that I this day avail myself of the leave of absence for sixty days which I heretofore received for the purpose of proceeding to Wisconsin to remove my family to this city.

I leave the office in charge of Mr. Leland J. Miller, chief clerk, duly sworn, with blanks and papers assigned to properly transact the business of the office during my absence.

My address will be Madison, Wisconsin, for the present, and I will advise you when I start to return.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit
Deputy Surveyor General.

U.S. Deputy Surveyor's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
October 11, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose my account for $ 75.65 for purchase of instruments, articles furnished and express charges, being expenses incurred in the surveying service in this district, chargable to the Surveyor General's incidental expense appropriation; and would thank you to adjust and settle the account as presented. Very respectfully &c

James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

U S Surveyor Gen.l Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
April 19. 1873.

A. B. Thorne Esq.,
Lemitar, New Mexico.

Sir:

Upon your application and the petition of sundry citizens of Socorro County you have been appointed by the Surveyor General Mineral Deputy Surveyor for New Mexico; and by his direction I here enclose to you your Commission, of this date, as such, and by this mail I forward the printed Manual of Surveying Instructions of 1855 and 1864 and the Regulations of June 10, prepared under the Mining Statute of May 10, 1872.

The Surveyor General expects before long to prepare and have printed special instructions to the Mineral Deputy Surveyors for their guidance and government in making and returning Surveys under the mining law; and when done a copy will be furnished you.

The notes of any and all surveys you may execute under your Commission will be forwarded or handed in original to the Surveyor Generals office, whence only, after the Surveyor Generals action thereon, may they be furnished for any official use or purpose before reaching the Registers office through him.

You will inform the parties at whose instance you may execute Surveys of mines, &c., that, before any action will be taken by the Surveyor General upon the returns of the work, they must in the case of each claim Surveyed, and returned, place with the designated Depository at Santa Fe the sum of at least twenty-five dollars, for work in this office, to the Credit of the Congressional appropriation for clerk hire in the United States Surveyor Generals Office, filing in this office the Certificate of deposit in triplicate.

Your note to Mr Gwyn inquiring where and at what price you may obtain "a compass level and good telescope attached", which he handed into the office that we might give the information I have forwarded to

to Messers W. & L. E. Gurley, Civil engineers instrument makers, Troy, New York, with the request that they send you their Manual, which contains all the information you desire in the premises.

Very respectfully
Dan J. Miller.
Chief Clerk

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
April 22. 1873.

Mathias Smythe. Esq.
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Sir: — In compliance with your verbal request of to day for a statement of the Status in this office of the name and signature of Manuel Armijo as a functionary of the Mexican National government in New Mexico in and about the year 1845, I have to say that the archives and records of this Office show that he was Govenor of New Mexico in the years 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845 and to August 1846.

The following land grants, the muniments in which have been filed in this office, were made by or through Govenor Armijo during the period of years indicated above: —

Private land claim No-9, John Scolly et al. Grant dated March 27. 1843, and May 7, 1846 Approved by Surveyor General April 8, 1857, Confirmed by act of Congress Approved June 21. 186 .

Private land claim No. 4, Charles Beaubien, Grant dated December 30, 1843 Approved by Surveyor General December 30. 1856, Confirmed by Congress June 21, 1860. Land now in Colorado Territory.

Private land claim No 14, Jose Serafin Ramirez. Grant dated November 29. 1845. Approved by Surveyor General September 25. 1857. Confirmed by Congress June 21. 1860

Private No. 17, Ceran St. Vrain and Cornelio Vigil. Approved September 17, 1857. Confirmed by Congress June 21. 1860. for eleven leagues. Last now in Colorado Territory, Grant dated

December 9, 1843.

Private land claim No. 35, Antonio Sandoval. Grant dated November 28. 1845. Approved by Surveyor General July 20. 1859. Confirmed by Congress June 21. 1860.

Private land claim No. 39. Geraco Noland. Grant dated November 18, 1845. Approved by Surveyor General July 10. 1860

Private land claim No 45. Jose Sutton. Grant dated March 14. 1838. Approved by Surveyor General September 25. 1861.

Private land claim No 48. Gervasio Nolain. Grant dated December 1. 1843. Approved by Surveyor General October 8. 1861. Confirmed by Congress for eleven square leagues July 1. 1870 Land lies now in Colorado Territory.

Private land claim No. 70. Antonio Sandoval. Grant dated December 7. 1845. Approved by Surveyor General Jany 4. 1873

Respectfully your obedient Servant
Dav J Miller Chief clerk

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
April 22. 1873.

Messrs Wm L.E. Gurley.
Troy New York.

Gentlemen:—

The instruments repaired and new articles forwarded by you in compliance with the Surveyor Generals letter to you of the 17th February last reached here on the 17th instant, and on the 18th the were received and your C.O.D. bill paid the Express Company.

It is found however upon referring to the above letter and upon examining the goods as received that there is among them no "large steel spring dividers" No 15. According to your Catalogue and price list the two cases of instruments, price charged and paid $58.75 should contain those dividers price $3.25 to make up the price for the two cases. Please send the dividers so as to fill the order and make good the $58.75 paid. The No 10. steel wire chain with snaps ordered does not contain the snaps please send them with the proper links, and we can fix the chain here for use.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Dav J. Miller.
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
April 28. 1873

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of your letter to the Surveyor General of the 9th inst containing additional regulations for the execution and return of surveys, of 16th concerning the certificates of improvements to be appended to plats of lode and placer claims and mill sites of the 17th approving Deputy Surveys contract surveys No. 52, and of the 17th concerning certain clerical accounts

Very respectfully your obedient Servant
Dav. J. Miller,
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
May 3d 1873

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington D.C.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to the Surveyor General of the 21st ultimo stating the Congressional appropriations for this office and district for the ensuing fiscal year and giving directions for the application, of that of same date announcing the adjustment and approval of the accounts in the matter of the Silver City town site

survey, and that of same date announcing the same of the accounts of this office for the last fiscal quarter.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dav. J. Miller
Chief Clerk

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 5. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of your letter of the the 24th ultimo, to the Surveyor General announcing approval of Surveying Contracts No. 53 with Lewis Kingman and No. 54 with Griffin and McMullen, and giving instructions for future letting of Contracts with regard to the fiscal years.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Dav. J. Miller
Chief Clerk.

U.S. Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
May 7. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummonds
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter of the 25th ultimo, concerning the statement and account in the matter of the Pinos Wells Sibi. Survey, and the account of

Draughtsman Dennis Kingsman, respectively forwarded with my letters of the 10th and 12th ultimo, and mentioning that no certificate of deposit of forty dollars for office work incident to the survey of the mill site had been received at the General Land Office.

The certificate for $40, deposited with the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé, by Nathaniel Pope January 28th 1873, is herewith forwarded, my Chief Clerk having omitted to enclose it with my letter of April 12.

In regard to Mr Kingsman's account, I beg to refer you for full explanation to my letter of the 28th of January last. The whole amount of the forty dollar deposit, when made, was at once passed to the credit of the Congressional appropriation for clerks' salaries on my books.

Mr Kingsman served in the office nine days, five of them, as shown in the statement, upon the mill site work and four of them upon other office work. His compensation being computed at a rate per annum ($1500), as required in the Commissioners Circular letter of June 4, 1868.

His account for the nine days was $37.08, approved against the appropriation - $20.60 of this amount, for five days services, being charged. Mark entered on my books against the $40, deposit of Mr Popes.

Popes deposit transferred to appropriation.....$40.00
Kingmans account against appropriation..$ 37.08
Of which due from appropriations.....16.48
And from deposit.....$.20 60
Millers account due from deposit.....5.49
Due from deposit and paid from appropriation $ 26.09 26.09
Unexpended refunded deposit Pope per statement...$ 13.91

As I have received no reply to my letter of January 28, I had concluded that the plan therein stated and explained was approved by you. I respectfully ask your attention to the letter, and, should the plan be not approved, I trust you will advise me at your earliest Convenience.

Very respectfully your obdt servt James H Simpson
Surveyor

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 9. 1873.

Non R. W. Taylor,
First Comptroller of the Treasury.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

By direction of the Surveyor General I have the honor to enclose herewith, for the use of your office, a Contract No. 52, same date, with George H. Pradt, Deputy Surveyor, dated the first day of March last, for the Survey of Certain of the public lands in this district.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Wm. J. Miller,
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 10. 1873.

Non Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward by this mail an Separate, tallies, the plat and transcript of field notes of the Surveys executed by Deputy George H. Pradt, under his numbered and Contract No. 52. of March 1. 1873.

I also send, herewith pay adjustment and settlements, the account of Deputy Pradt for the work executed by him, as above.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James L. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 16, 1873

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your printed letter of the 25th ultimo requesting an estimate of such denomination of postage stamps probably required for the official correspondence of this office during the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1873, I have the honor to submit the following:

1	Cent Stamps	... 25.	12	Cent Stamps	..25
2	"	" ... 25.	15	"	" ..25
3	"	" ... 150.	24	"	" ..25
6	"	" ... 50.	90	"	" ..15

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 17th 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for settlement my account for $46.15, for payment to Louis Gold of rent of office 42 days in this quarter.

The office was removed on the 12th instant to its present locality in the City, and I have paid Mr. Gold, at his request, the rent due him until his premises were then vacated.

Very respectfully your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 19. 1873

Hon Willis L Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington. D.C.

Sir:— I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the first instant directing me to make upon the triplicate Plat of T. 14. N. R. 8 E.— withdrawn from the Registers office— the same addenda as borne by the original Plat and the duplicate at the General Land Office, and then retransmit the same to the Register.

I have to state that, in pursuance of your instructions, the said triplicate, bearing the addenda required, was this day retransmitted to the Register, and his receipt taken therefor

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 20. 1873.

Hon Willis L. Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the first and 7th instant to the Surveyor General advising him of the approval of accounts forwarded to the General Land Office the 11th and 18th ultimo

Very respectfully your obedient servant
Dan. J. Miller
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 20, 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at this Office of one hundred blank Contracts and bonds of deputy Surveyors forwarded with your letter to the Surveyor General of the 25th ultimo.

Very respectfully your obedient Servant
Mac. de Willen
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 20, 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant on the subject of the Surveyors application for the survey of certain Land Grants.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Mac. de Willen
Chief Clerk

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 9th, 1892

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th (postmarked) 17th (likewise the 17th) instant, I have to say in the absence of the Surveyor General, that no one but such shown the existence of any Spanish or Mexican grants in the portion of country you mention, or exhibited private portraits of the Surveyed grant west of Mesilla west of the Rio Grande; through the circumstances that the map does not show any of such unconfirmed Congressional grants are laid down on the maps, as their locality and extent are unascertained by survey.

Whether any board has been taken up elsewhere in that section under laws of the United States, can be ascertained only by inquiring at the office of the United States Register of the Land Office.

Respectfully
Wm. J. Miller,
Ch. Clerk.

(No Ofw Ellis Esqr
Rio de las Palomas N. Mexico.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
May 9th 1892.

Edward Ellis Esq.,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter of the 16th instant (16th) inviting the furnishing of maps showing the lands of the General Land Office be supplied upon payment of twenty five dollars each plat size - 19x24 inches.

I regret to say that at the present

the letter. the work of plotting Deputy Whites two-
ways of standard and Exterior lines was promptly com-
pleted upon paper 21 x 24 inches in size. Requesting
that in this instance the map so constructed, when
received, be admitted to file, and the time and labor
of reproducing it thereby avoided. I promise for the
future a strict compliance with the directions of your
letter.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
James A. Pearce jr.
Surveyor Genl N.M.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
June 2, 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo to the Surveyor Generals on the subject of accounts for office rent against the Congressional appropriation and against Special deposits, and am glad to find, from the directions of the letter that the manner observed in this office of keeping accounts is correct, and that the unexhausted balances of Special deposits are available for the payment of accounts for clerical services for which the regular appropriations will fall short this quarter.

Herewith please find two accounts of Mr. Kingman for services as translator from March 1st to June 30th 1873 inclusive.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Ward Miller
Clerk

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
June 5th 1873.

Hon. Wells A. Hutchinson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at this office of one volume in pamphlet form of the United States Statutes at Large passed at the third session of the forty second Congress.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
Chas. E. Wilcox,
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
June 5th 1873.

J. Escobar, Esq.
El Paso

Sir:

I acknowledge the receipt to day of your letter of the 20th ultimo inclosing a certificate from the Political Chief of Bravos district, State of Chihuahua, Mexico, concerning the ownership and record of title of the Santa Teresa rancho, and inquiring whether there is any prescribed time for filing private land claims in this office, and whether U.S. patent for the land is obtained without any expense to the owner; and in reply have to say there is no time prescribed by treaty or law within which to file the claims, and that the cost of Survey and incidental office work is to be borne by the owners of the lands — see Section 3 of the Law of Congress of May 30, 1862, U.S. Statutes at Large. Vol. XII, page 409.

Respectfully Your obedient Servant,
John S. K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
June 14, 1873

Hon Willis Drummond
(Commissioner of the General Land Office)
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt to day of your two letters of the 5th instant announcing the approval of the account of deputy George A. Bradt for surveys and of the accounts for office rents during the portion of the current quarter ending the 12th ultimo.

Very respectfully your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 23. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond,
(Commissioner of the General Land Office,
(Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that on Saturday (last, the 21st instant, I returned to Santa Fé from my trip to the States under leave, and have again entered upon the active discharge of my official duties.

Very respectfully
your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
June 24th. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant requesting that after the Survey of any private land claim in this District, a sketch of the plat thereof be furnished the Registers of the Land Office for his guidance in cases of applications for lands under the homestead and preëmption laws.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 24, 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir;

As owing to the discontinuance of the free transmission of official mail matter after the first proxima, a postoffice letter scale will be much needed in the office, I respectfully request that one be furnished by the department.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
June 25. 1873

Mr Lewis Kingmans,
Deputy Surveyor.

Sir;

With this you will find special instructions for the execution of your surveying Contract and are directed to Commence the work July 1st or as soon as practicable thereafter.

The instructions as enclosed are modified to this extent that you are directed to extend the third guide meridian east, north from the fifth Correction line to the north boundary of the territory on a true line and not offsetting for Convergence.

You will particularly observe the new instructions from the General Land Office, embodied in the instructions from this office and may from time to time send to this office field notes of completed portions of the work for plotting.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
June 25. 1873.

Lewis Kingman Esq
United States Deputy Surveyor.

Sir;

As the first of July, before which time the Commissioner of the General Land Office has prohibited deputies from Commencing surveying operations in the field in this district, is nearly at hand, I now furnish you the Special instructions provided for in your Contract, No. 53, of April 11. 1873, with this office.

Your Contract stip=

dated that you will "extend and establish the fifth correction line north from the present terminus on the Canadian river east to the line between ranges 24 & 25 east, the third guide meridian east thence north to the sixth correction line north, the sixth Correction line north thence east to the line between ranges 27 & 28 east, the said guide meridian north to the seventh Correction line north, and the said seventh Correction line north thence east to the line between ranges 29 & 30 east, and will survey and establish the north and east boundaries of Townships 25, 26 & 27 and the east boundaries of Township 28 north of ranges 25, 26 & 27 east, and the north, east and west boundaries of Townships 29, 30 & 31, and the east and west boundaries of fractional Township 32 north of range 29 east, and will subdivide Townships 30, 31 and fractional 32 north of range 29 east, and also such four other townships embraced in the above work as it may most to the public interest to subdivide, the same to be determined by the said Lewis Kingman in the field," and that you will execute and make due return to this office of all said works on or before December 31. 1873

The Commissioner of the General Land Office under date of the 9th of April last, prescribed certain requirements additional to those of the printed Manual for the execution and return of public Surveys. The following extracts from his letter are furnished for your government; and the requirements there made as well as those of the Manual not affected by them you will strictly observe and obey:—

* * * * * * Henceforth any infraction of the requirements of the Manual of Surveying Instructions will result in the forfeiture of their [the deputy Surveyors'] contracts, disqualification from future employment in the Surveying Service, and that the penalty of the law will be enforced against delinquents; * * * * * *

And you will caution them that any infringement of their official obligations when detected by special examiners

when it is intended to send into the field for the purpose of inspecting the Surveys, will be punished to the extent of the laws applicable in such cases. I desire to impress upon you and through you upon your deputies the absolute necessity for a strict compliance with the requirements of law as embodied in the Manual of Surveying Instructions on pages 10 to 15 describing specifically the Corner boundaries, their dimensions, characters, marking and construction. You will therefore issue instructions to your deputies requiring them to describe fully in their field notes the Corner Boundaries hitherto inadequately noted — for example, if posts are adopted by deputies to denote corners of Public Surveys they must state their length in feet, size of squared faces in inches, their depth in the ground, the kind of memorials deposited by the side of the post, the height of the mounds, depth and dimensions of the pits, which latter must not be less than 12 inches deep and 24 inches in length by 12 inches in width. When stones are used for the Corner Boundaries deputies must describe the kind, dimensions, depth set in the ground and how marked, so that no ambiguity may exist in the affidavits of deputy Surveyors when they swear that they have executed the Surveys contracted for in strict conformity to the laws of the United States, the printed Manual of Surveying Instructions and the instructions furnished them by the Surveyor General. In the affidavits to field notes of future Surveys of Public Lands you will modify the usual form thereof so as to embrace this additional requirement; and should any fraud be detected the delinquent Surveyor will suffer the penalty of perjury under the provisions of an act of Congress approved August 8. 1846, quoted on page 20 of the Manual."

You have been furnished with a printed copy of the Manual of Surveying Instructions for your guidance and government in the due execution of your work.

(You are herewith furnished a descriptive plat of the lines and Corners of

the executed surveys contiguous to your work and with with which the latter is to be connected.

You are also herewith furnished a descriptive plat of a section of the Survey of the New Mexico and Colorado interterritorial boundary line, upon which you will close and mark your lines when they reach it, connecting them therewith by course and distance to the nearest established boundary corner.

In extending north the third guide meridian east from the fifth correction line north you will at the end of twenty-four miles establish a closing corner upon the Sixth Correction line, and before continuing the same north you will ascertain and state the point east of said closing corner due to the convergency of the meridian, and thence extend the guide meridian to the Seventh correction line and in like manner ascertain and allow for your range lines to be extended thence north to the territorial boundary. The correction lines will be marked east from the point of each meridian.

You will observe carefully for and note in your field books all indications of mineral and coal if any be found, stating explicitly and fully the character and extent of the mineral, so that the draughtsman may easily show on the plats the locality and extent thereof, and so as to enable the office to ascertain and distinguish Mineral land from agricultural land.

You will in the respective "General descriptions" of townships which you may consider ought to be subdivided state your opinion and recommendation to that effect.

You will be particular always to give the names (if they have any and if not so state) of all towns, Mountains, hills, streams, arroyos, Cañons, Mills, Mining shafts, ranches and so forth your lines intersect or approach, and when practicable take the bearings of all prominent or otherwise notable objects in the vicinity, and if not taken from at least two points will

state the estimated distances to them from line.

Respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
Jamie K Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 25. 1873.

Messrs Griffin & McMullen,
United States Deputy Surveyors.

Gentlemen:

As the first of July, before which time the Commissioner of the General Land Office has prohibited deputies from commencing surveying operations in the field in this district is nearly at hand, I now furnish you the special instructions provided for in your Contract of April 11. 1873, No. 54, with this office.

Your Contract stipulates that you will "extend and establish the third Correction line South from its present terminus at the line between ranges 13 & 14 west to the line between ranges 15 & 16 west, and the west boundaries of township 16 and the west and north boundaries of townships 17, 18, 19 & 20 South of ranges 14 & 15 West and the east boundaries of township 21 and the north and east boundaries of townships 22, 23, 24 & 25 South of ranges 14, 15 & 16 west, and will subdivide townships 17, 18 & 19 South of ranges 14 west, township 18 South of range 13 west, and also such six other townships embraced in the above work as it may be most to the public interest to subdivide the same to be determined in the field", and that you will execute and make due return to this office of all said works on or before the first day of November next. ...

The Commissioner of the General Land Office under date of the 9th of April last prescribed certain requirements additional to those of the printed manual for the execution and return of public surveys. The following extracts from his letter are furnished

for your government; and the requirements there made as well as those of the Manual not affected by them you will strictly observe and obey; * * * * * henceforth any infraction of the requirements of the Manual of Surveying Instructions will result in the forfeiture of their [the deputy Surveyors] Contracts, disqualification from future employment in the Surveying Service, and that the penalty of the law will be enforced against delinquents; * * * * * and you will caution them that any infringement of these sworn obligations when detected by special examiners whom it is intended to send into the field for the purpose of inspecting the surveys will be punished to the extent of the laws applicable in such cases. I desire to impress upon you and through you upon your deputies the absolute necessity for a strict compliance with the requirements of law as embodied in the Manual of Surveying Instructions on pages 10 to 15 describing specifically the corner boundaries, their dimensions, Character, marking and construction. You will therefore issue instructions to your deputies requiring them to describe fully in their field notes the corner boundaries hitherto inadequately noted — for example, if posts are adopted by deputies to denote corners of public surveys they must state their length in feet, size of squared posts in inches, their depth in the ground, the Kinds of memorials deposited by the side of the post, the height of the mound, depth and dimensions of the pits, which latter must not be less than 12 inches deep and 24 inches in length by 12 inches in width. When stones are used for the Corner boundaries deputies must describe the kind, dimensions, depth set in the ground and how marked, so that no ambiguity may exist in the affidavits of deputy Surveyors when they swear that they have executed the Surveys Contracted for in strict conformity to the laws of the United States, the printed Manual of Surveying Instructions and the instructions furnished them by the Surveyor General. In the affidavits to field notes of future Surveys of public lands you will modify the usual form thereof, so as to embrace this additional requirement; and should any fraud be detected the delinquent Surveyor will suffer the penalty of perjury under the provisions of an act Congress approved

August 8, 1846, quoted on page 20 of the Manual"

You have been furnished with a printed copy of the Manual of Surveying Instructions and also plats of the country descriptive, so far as the records in the office show, of the country your lines will traverse and of the lines and corners of executed surveys contiguous to your work and with which the latter is to be connected.

You have also descriptive plats of the Silver City Town Site and the Pope Mill Site, and you will duly connect your work with each of them in all instances of contact of your lines with them, so that the adjoining outside fractional lots may be calculated.

You will observe carefully for and note in your field book all indications of mineral and coal if any be found, stating explicitly and fully the character and extent of the mineral &c, so that the draughtsman may easily show on the plats the locality and extent thereof, and so as to enable the office to ascertain and distinguish mineral land from agricultural land.

You will in the respective "general descriptions" of townships which you may consider ought to be subdivided state your opinion or recommendation to that effect.

You will be particular always to give the names (if they have any and if not so state) of all towns, mountains, hills, streams, arroyos, Cañons, mills, mining shafts, ranches and so forth your lines intersect or approach and mill when practicable take the bearings of all prominent or otherwise notable objects in the vicinity and if not taken from at least two points will state the estimated distances to them from line.

Respectfully your obedient Servant

James K. Proudfit,

Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 27. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for adjustment and settlement the accounts created in this office during the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 1873, except those mentioned in the accompanying statement as previously forwarded

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 25, 1873.

Hon. H. W. Bingham.
Asst Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose for the use of your office a draft in favor of William White of October 9th 1872, for $45 for the survey of certain private lands in this Surveying District.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
June 25. 1873

Messrs Bryant & McMillen,
United States Deputy Surveyors.

Gentlemen.

As special instructions supplementary to those of the 25th instant for your government under your Contract No 54, I have to hand you herewith a descriptive plat of the Peabody and of the Light Finder Mining claims, the notes of survey of both of which have just been returned, and upon which plats are protracted you, in connection with those of the Silver City Town and Pope & Hill Sites, with directions to connect therewith should any of your lines intersect them or either of them.

Respectfully your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
June 25. 1873.

J. A. Zabriskie, Esq
Silver City, New Mexico.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt to day of your letter of the 14th instant enclosing $30,00 United States currency for pay for office work in the matter of the Survey of the "Peabody" Mining claim of David Abraham. The funds were at once placed in the designated depository at Santa Fé in the name of Mr Abraham, to whom any unexpended balance remaining after the completion of the work will be refunded.

The returns of the Surveys will be acted upon and the plats furnished as soon as practicable, I hope early in the ensuing month.

Respectfully Yours,
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

Surveyor. Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
June 28. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed with this I have the honor, to transmit the trans-
cripts of field notes of the work performed by Deputy
William White under his Contract No 45 dated Oct 9. 1872 to-
gether with account for the work and original letter of
Mr White (of which I return Copies) setting forth his reasons
for meandering the Rio Grande through the two subdivided
Townships and explaining apparent errors in the work. C. of the
and separately on a rolling the plats of his work.

If the meandering
of the river is allowed by, the total amount will ex-
ceed the appropriation for fiscal year ending June 30. 1873. by
the sum of $215.45 and if not allowed by there will be
an unexpended balance of $71.55.

Of the propriety of the meander-
ing I have no means of judging except from the field
notes and letter of Mr White, but have no doubt that he
performed the work in good faith and that he may be
well for it.

I presume there is no present appropriation,
from which the excess can be paid, I request that if the
meandering is allowed for, the balance may be presented
in your deficiency estimates to the next Congress.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
July 12th 1873.

R. P. Williams,
Esq.

Your appointment and authority as United States Mineral & Deputy Surveyor for the district of New Mexico is revoked and withdrawn.

James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
July 12, 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that I have, under the authority therein provided, this day revoked the contract of survey entered into with R. P. Williams as United States Mineral Surveyor dated the 23rd day of June 24, 1869.

I am, sir, your obedient servt
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
July 2. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of no date enclosing bill, $2.70, for Post. Balance is received. Enclosed please find the bill approved as directed. Allow me to say that the balance is too small

for the use of my office; can often have occasion to mail sealed packages of transcripts of field notes, plat transcripts of private land claims, &c, weighing from three to five pounds, while the capacity of this balance is but 9½ ounces, I would like to be allowed to return this balance and receive one of five pounds capacity graduated to half ounces if practicable.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
July 5, 1873

Messrs Griffin & McMurtrie.
Gents.

For the purpose of accommodating lands lying therein, You are authorized to subdivide Township 19 South of Range 13 West as one of the six Townships which you are authorized to subdivide under your existing Contracts for public surveys.

I am very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
July 7, 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The office was removed on the 13th May to the building contracted for last year, adjoining to the east

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Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
July 4, 1875.

A. H. Elkins, Esq.,
Santa Fé, New Mexico.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of today asking an estimate of the costs of the survey of the Antonio Ortiz confirmed private land claim No. 42, situated between the Tres Ojos and Rose surveyed claims, and in compliance with your verbal request for estimates for surveying this claim in the general ways below indicated, I furnish the following estimates, without however now determining which method will be adopted when the survey is executed.

N. E. N. and N. boundaries - field work $1300
N. E. and N. " " " 900
E. and N. " " " 400
Approximate 100

Upon your filing in this office the certificate in triplicate of the determination, at Santa Fé, that Evidence of this amount for field work has been deposited in this office to the credit of the United States Surveyor General account of surveying the private lands in New Mexico and a like certificate that the $100 has been also deposited to the credit of the appropriation for Private land claims in the United States Surveyor Generals Office for New Mexico I will be ready to enter into contract with a deputy surveyor for the survey of the said interior lines, should the amount thus required be in excess of the $1300 above mentioned, I shall require you to furnish me with certificate of deposit for the additional

Upon a satisfactory instance of the survey being executed with due care & I am ready to approve the accounts thereof as shall be presented.

Respectfully, your obedient servant
(illegible)
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
July 26, 1907.

George Howard, Esq.
United States Deputy Surveyor.

Sir:

You are hereby cited that Rule No. 5 of the Instructions provides that you will commence work at the intersection of the Standard Parallel, Township Exterior and Township Subdivisional lines of Public Surveys north of the Base Line and west of the Principal Meridian in this said District, and will complete and mark on this office returns of your work on or before the 31st day of December next, to wit:-

Third Correction line N. 11 to 12
Line between Ns. 10 & 11 Js. 10, 11 & 12
Line between Us. 11 & 12, Js. 12
Line between Rs. 7 & 8, 8 & 9, 9 & 10 and 10 & 11 Js. 9
Line between Js. 10 & 11 Rs. 10
Line between Js. 11 & 12 Rs. 10 & 11
Line between Js. 13 & 14 Rs. 7, 8, 9 & 10
Subdivisional lines of Js. 13, Rs. 7, 8, 9 & 10
Subdivisional lines of Js. 11 & 12, Rs. 10
Subdivisional lines of fractional Js. 10 & 11, 9 & 10
Subdivisional lines of fractional Js. 11 & 12, Rs. 4
Subdivisional lines of fractional Js. 12 & 13, Rs. 9 & 11
Subdivisional lines of fractional Js. 13 & 14, Rs. 4

"In Correcting the meanderings and fractional lines bounding Exchanging Reservoir and Miscellaneous Lands.

In the case of each meander line of lands to be surveyed [illegible] the General Land Office under date of the 4th of March last" be [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]

In the case of each meander line of lands

You will bear [illegible] in mind that Considerable [illegible]

I am instructed in the following previous decision given
with you as to your right direction, which I have
considered and will exercise with care and good judgement
in determining and selecting the lines of surveys given and
to establish in case those specified for survey and the fore-
going stipulations if there be not found practicable and nec-
essary, as with:- "Provided the survey of any of the above men-
tioned lines which in the opinion of said Surveyor Gen'l
aforesaid may be found impracticable and unnecessary to execute may be omitted,
and such other lines within or connecting with the limits
of said work as in his opinion as aforesaid may be found
practicable and necessary may be substituted and sur-
veyed, provided the whole cost of his work returned shall
not exceed the sum of six thousand four hundred dollars".

The data in this office will not enable me to determin
definitely what lines ought remain to the mountainous char-
acter of the country to be omitted, and the object of the
proviso is to avoid the expense of useless surveys and y h
decline to let depend the full benefit of the amount of
work contemplated in the contract.

The line between ranges 5 and 6 between the second
and third standard of Townships is the sixth Principal
West- should you extend it North you will be to cross
the Salt River with its bearing as the third Correction line
due to the Convergency of the Meridians.

Should you in the exercise of your discretion deem it
proper to make changes "you will observe carefully for
and note in your field books" inclusive to the end)

Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
(James A. Wright
Surveyor General

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Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
May 16th 1873.

Hon. Willis Chamberlain
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith field and township diagrams of Surveys executed under the Surveying Instructions, dated June 1st 1872, preparatory to requisitions for your letter of 20th of February last.

As your letter does not state whether the former plat from the Register's or Receiver's shows the lines surveyed, neither has been done, but a reference to the field notes will show.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Edward M. Darrah
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
May 26th 1873.

Hon. W. Chamberlain
Com'r. Gen'l. Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir:

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I have contracted to survey the exterior lines of the following Townships and subdivide the Surveys lines on the East side of the Principal Meridian, in this District that is to say:

Fractional Township 12 N. Range 22 E.
Fractional Township 11, N. 12 N. Range 23 E.
Fractional Township 10 N. Range 24 E.
Fractional Township 13 N. Range 20 E.
Fractional Township 11 N. 12 N. Range 26 E.
Fractional Tps. 11, 12, 13 & 14 N. Range 27 E.

Townships 10, 11 and 12 of range 27
and will comprise the mineral and coal lands therein
. This office was established December 31, 1873. The township
is to be surveyed and returned in accordance with the re-
quirements of the printed Manual of Instructions in re-
lation to the General Land Office, a copy of which
you have and the requirements of the additional in-
structions of April 9, 1873. The essential portions of which
are furnished you in the following extracts therefrom
viz:-

~~There will be portions traversed with these~~
~~lines which will require meandering and bordering upon this Boundary~~
[illegible] which will require meandering in the con-
tract you signed, and by the surveyor to make courses
[illegible] of which Meanders on the east and North lines
are to meet as described. Plat of the township. This
[illegible] the previous is true in fractions. The lines
of [illegible] meanders coming in contact with those of the main
traverse will be closed and marked upon the meander by
[illegible] and distance to the nearest monument thereof,
so that the areas of the bordering fractional lots of public
land may be calculated and stated.

[illegible] of the irregularities character
of the country within any of the [illegible] to be subdi-
vided it should be necessary to surrender any portions
thereof, this must be done within the edge of the meandering
bordering public navigable [illegible],

Should you find obliterated any of the Corners or monu-
ments with which your work is connected you will reestablish
the same, and will charge thereon at the rate of $2.00 per mile
for exterior township lines and $3.00 per mile for fractional claim
boundary lines.

[illegible] name upon [illegible] of [illegible]
Mc Mullen [illegible] of [illegible], for this bond]

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[illegible]

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
January 1st. 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following estimates for surveying service in this District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874., as directed in your letter of March 11, 1873.

For 660 Miles Standard lines at $15.^{00} per mile		9,900
" 2000 " Exterior boundary lines at $18.^{00} " "		36,000
" 5000 " Subdivisional lines at $10.^{00} " "		50,000
Total		$ 125,900
For Salary of Surveyor General		$ 3,000
" " " Chief Clerk and Draughtsman		2,000
" " " Two Draughtsmen		3,000
" " " four Clerks		6,000. $14,000
For Incidental expenses		$ 3,000

The estimates for public surveys is believed, to be no higher than is proper for the public service and the accommodation of settlers and others desirous to obtain public lands in different parts of the District. There is a large and constantly increasing call for public surveys from all parts of the surveying districts of the limits of private grants. Especially is this the case near the limits of the several projected and surveyed railroads. The amount estimated for salaries is necessary for keeping up properly the business of the offices and to enable the Spanish and Mexican, and generally unsettled titles which exist in this District to be investigated and will require the services of two years at least a year. However as to the estimates for incidentals which is little more than usual it is necessary as the long considerable

[illegible] seems to give the officers a proper safeguard
[illegible] and to expedite and render comfortable the [illegible]
office business. It should also be borne in mind that
the lands of all kinds are exceedingly high in price
as compared with most other parts of the country.

Trusting that you will endorse these estimates and recommend them to Congress.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James H Broadbent.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe. New Mexico
July 21. 1873.

J. A. Fabrizio, Esq.,
Silver City, New Mexico.
Sir.

Herewith I forward to you as attorney of the claimant David Abrahams, two certified copies of the Plat of the Peabody mining claim survey, executed by Mineral Deputy Surveyor R. M. Hidden in May last, one of them to be by the claimant posted upon the claim, and the other together with the accompanying certified copy of the notes of the survey, to be by him furnished the Register of the United States Land Office, under the mining laws of May 10 and regulations thereunder of June 10, 1872.

Respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James H. Broadbent,
Surveyor General.

No. 354

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
July 23, 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter of the 2th instant, together with the Diagrams and Transcript of field notes therein mentioned, the same being of the Exterior boundaries of the Navajo Mexican Reservation and of townships thereon

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
July 24, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant in amplification of your instructions of April 9, 1873. requiring that Surveyors General advise the Department of the qualifications or Experience of deputies contracted with for Surveys.

In this connection I have to state that all the deputies with whom I have made Contracts for work during this fiscal year are gentlemen desirous to be accomplished surveyors, and familiar with the Manual and of whose qualifications and fitness evidence may at any time be furnished the General Land Office if required

I remain very respectfully Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

Telegram.

Santa Fe, July 24 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Are Contracts of Roads and Draws approved? please answer

James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
July 26 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

As no copy of your Annual Report for 1872 has been furnished this office, I respectfully renew my request of the 10th of March last for one or more copies of the same - the only use of which I have been able to see being a borrowed copy.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
July 28, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. respecting Deputy Wm. Evans is at hand, and contents noted, Deputy was hanged ...

To Mr White.

I regret that I had not an opportunity to explain matters before final decision was arrived at, and now respectfully ask that the case be reopened, as I am confident I can show that neither Mr Dickinson myself ought justly to be censured for the manner in which the Dominion Exterior lines were run.

The surveying which was done was worth in touch is admitted and was not known to me to be wrong to the surveying Minister but it is not without precedent in this surveying district I instructed Mr White in writing before he leave the field, to run the range lines south, letter of March 15, 1872. Copy herewith submitted marked "A" and can give many reasons for so doing.

All the township lines surveyed previous to Mr White's were between the second and third correction lines south, and east of and including the range lines between ranges 14 and 15 east except the range lines between 15 and 16, and 16 and 17, have been run south and west. The third correction lines were established by deputy Mr. O. Williams under contract dated October 4, 1866 by running south the line between ranges 14 and 15 and it has since been extended east and west some distance but does not connect with the principal meridian.

The final measurement, however, that is causing trouble with our Indian engagement was instituted by Surveyor General Dennis, who contracted with deputy Mr. O. Williams June 8, 1867 for work subdividing the south and east boundaries of townships 11 & 12 of ranges 18, 19, 21, 22, 23 and 24 east. After entering into this contract with another to the Dominion Land Office, with his letter of June 24, 1867, copy of extract herewith marked "B" he informs the Commissioner of his intention to run the range lines north. This seems to be contrary to the usual practice of Mr. Commissioner of the General Land Office, thought differently, and, in his letter of June 27, 1867, he informs the Surveyors stating

that they are unobjectionable. Veni could evidently understand that the point of running range lines south is that region was explored and the legislature knew that fact. On July 20, 1867, evidently after receiving Commissioner Williams letter Veni wrote to Gen. Williams the writing copy of contract herewith marked "C." Pertinently to execute the work by running the range lines south. Mr. Williams performed the work as directed. On Dec. 12, 1867, Veni Evans forwarded the plats, transcript of field notes and accounts for the work to the General Land Office. The plats and field notes were returned from the General Land Office and the account paid in the March quarter, 1868.

On Dec. 12, 1867, Veni Evans entered into a contract with Deputy Williams to perform certain more surveying the exterior boundaries of Twp. 8 N. of R. 22 and 23 each and of T. 11 N. of R. 23 E. This contract No 3 was approved and Veni Evans directed Mr. Williams in writing to execute it by running the range lines south this Mr. Williams did, his work was duly returned, was fully approved in the General Land Office and his account paid in full.

Veni Evans did not consult the General Land Office in regard to the propriety of running the range lines south under Williams contract, it is evident that he considered the policy settled as to that region, and did not feel called on, for which reason he omitted to receive from it any instructions to direct Deputy White to run his range lines south.

There is also precedent in this district for running subdivisional lines from north to south, through a township which was approved and paid for but I do not know as it has any direct bearing upon this case, except the principle of departing from the Manual in the manner.

It was comparatively green in the business

last Parliament then, and still believe, that the Manner of arranging instructions was vested by the Commissioners of the General Land Office, and may by them be varied, at any time and for any purpose that he may think will advance the public interests. It is easy to imagine cases and doubtless they often arise when he may feel obliged to vary from the general principles laid down in the Manuals however perfect it may usually be found. Such a purpose was the thought of Commissioner Wilson when he approved not once but twice, the departure from the 21 rule which is now under discussion and respectfully submit that he have performed. Therefore, in nothing but have simply followed in the footsteps of our illustrious predecessors.

It is manifest that the mere recalling of running range lines south would not seriously disturb the public surveys, south of the base line and it was formerly the practice to do so, but has since been changed principally as I presume for uniformity. I take it for granted that no one will assume that a township in a given region, may not be surveyed in as nearly a square form by running south as by running north.

It should be borne in mind that the errors excluded under the two contracts of Holmes and Wilson is the error with which Mr. White connected. Error is first found, and is liable to manifest her mind and so after all as Mr. White sounds the real trouble is caused by the inexcusable bad work of Holmes and Wilson and nothing else. There is not for that the errors would still connect properly or nearly so. The problem then was with Mr. White and still is with us all: what is the most practical, easy and useful method to escape from our trouble? It is not now a question of how but how [illegible] the duty of having surveys made and establish the lines according to law, as selected in [illegible] and to maintain [illegible]

out of the work of Bellows and Williamson, unless all the lines originated. If this be so it would involve the matter of computations and furthermore the fact that the work has been largely subdivided and much of it done by Bellows and said by the government would perhaps render it impracticable or at least very difficult.

I submit herewith a diagram marked "D" showing the work as it would appear, if based upon the third correction line and the range lines run North as directed in your letter, and the work of Bellows and Williamson is to stand.

First, it will be seen that it involves the necessity for double townships corners between standard lines, the same being prohibited by the Manual, see pages 14 & 15, Ed 1871. Next, it would give us two townships, each less than 4 miles wide from east to west, and of unequal dimensions on their east and west sides, neither oblong nor square, nor even of great beauty. Next, two other townships are neither oblong nor square and too small in area. Next, two other townships are not square being much less than six miles from north to south. Next a dreadful cross line occurs between the sectional numbers over the east and west and diagonal lines, and lastly, the error will remain, and perhaps grow upon our hands and we shall have to put in a whole tier of anomalous townships somewhere between the work of White and the line between ranges 16 and 17 east, which was run by Bellows.

Now the real practical trouble that we have to deal with, results as I said before from bad measuring by Bellows and Williamson, causing the former in running from west to east the 2nd Correction, and parallel lines, and in not allowing for convergency of the Meridians. The errors are such as multiply. Mr White observed in retracing what seems singular that the Error in measuring by both Bellows and Williamson, were very much greater on east and west lines, than

our north and south ones, though the face of the country is much the same. This adds not a little to the troubles for blunders that are regularities are much easier corrected than those that are eccentric.

The consequence of errors in measurement by Fellows in running south the range line between Ranges 14 and 15 E. to establish the 2nd Correction line south Mr. White found the latter line nearly a half mile too far north.

It seems to me under all the circumstances that the work of Mr. White ought to stand. If it becomes desirable in the future to survey the land between White work and the line between ranges 15 and 14 east it can be done, by running true range lines from the south corners in Fellows and Williams work to the Township corners on the 2nd Correction line. The error in east and west lines can thus be nearly obviated, it having been produced by Erroneous work on long lines run from west to east, and that from north to south Errors in plow a standard line, as the Manual contemplates, although, in this case, upon the wrong one. To change the plan now in regard to that region would almost seem like using the standard lines to propagate Errors instead of correcting them. The plan of running range lines south will have to be continued as surveys progress between the 2nd and 3rd correction lines south, in my opinion I am satisfied that it is a lesser Evil than to attempt a change. I have not allowed and will not countenance such work elsewhere, unless some apparent emergency should arise in which case I should ask instructions from you.

In regard to meandering the Grass river below Whites Rapids upon a review, you will approve it, as the thinness of the soil may further away be perhaps the cause, under the difficult circumstances that he met with and that although the stream is not really navigable, it has sufficient depth of water, and much more than the Section which has been

meandered and paid for. It is a fact too that no stream in this District is really navigable although several have been meandered, I am free to say that had I known the character of the Pecos river at the time of letting Mr. White's contract as well as I do now both from personal observation and from engraving from many persons I should have recommended its meandering in the contract. I now think it ought to be meandered from the grass line to the territorial boundary south wherever the land along its banks is subdivided.

Generally Mr. White writes respectfully for a careful reconsideration and reexamination of his case, and refers to his field notes and letter heretofore submitted hoping for a favorable decision.

I have no doubt that Mr. White's survey was most laborious, expensive and vexatious, and did not through his fault either, as he could find nothing right to work from or connect with, and that he did the best he could under the peculiar circumstances, and hope that all will be done for his relief that is legal and proper.

Whatever further order you may see proper to make in the premises will, of course, so far as I am concerned, be executed promptly and cheerfully.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James H. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
July 20, 1873.

Hon. Stilla Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst advising me of the approval of all the accounts of this office for the last quarter except that of U.J. Miller, $252,75 drawn against the special deposits of A.B. Carey, William Rosenthall and others, which you return for correction, as your honor, per the following statement therefrom, shows that the deposits of Carey and Rosenthall had already been exhausted, to wit:-

Amount deposited by A.B. Carey - - - - - - - - - $2000.00
Paid R.R. Willcox Dec. 4, 1866 - - - - - - $48.91
" D.J. Miller Oct. 7, 1867 - - - - - - - 148.44
Refunded to A.B. Carey - - - - - - - 2.65 2000.00

Amount deposited by William Rosenthall - - - - $55.00
Paid U.S. Dep. Surveyor Sept. 13, 1869 - - - $20.38
" D.J. Miller Oct. 20, 1869 - - - - - 32.61
Refunded Wm Rosenthall Sept 13, 1869 - - - - 2.01 55.00

I find upon examining the books of this office that they do not show that Mr. Millers services were paid for out of these or any other deposits, but out of the Congressional appropriations, and if paid for out of the former this office was not aware of it. There was no account of his ever presented against the Carey deposit. The services were rendered by him in August and October, 1866, and January 1867, and at the close of each of the quarters Embracing those months his account was rendered in a regular manner charge against the appropriation for the full quarter, as was also the case for the quarter ending September 30, 1867: and the payments [illegible] made in October 17.

as the retained account shows, and as the Commissioners' letter of that date indicates, was a payment of his full salary for said September quarter. See Commissioners letters of October 18, 1866 and January 19 and October 17, 1867, and accounts therein referred to.

Mr. Hicks' account for $77.44, embraced in the above $148.44 was drawn against the appropriation and on January 1, 1867, was transmitted with the December quarterly accounts, and was with them, paid per Commissioners letter of January 19, 1867.

My books show that the many accounts presented against Trenthall's deposit were that of draughtsmen for services and that of the depositor himself for the unexpended balance of $2.01. Mr. Millen's services were rendered during the quarter ending September 30, 1869. The Commissioners' letter of September 15 adjusting the accounts against the deposit forwarded by the Surveyor General August 28 shows that they were all paid Mr. Miller however having more among them but no account for the full quarter was forwarded for payment of the quarter as against the appropriation, until the Commissioner on October 20 advised the Surveyor General of its payment.

Nevertheless, the above amounts of $148.44 and $32.61 may have been taken from the deposits and applied to part payment of Mr. Millers accounts for $500 for the quarters ending respectively December 31, 1867, and December 31, 1869, instead of from the appropriation as intended by the Surveyor General when he transmitted the accounts, as no doubt the Commissioner could have so ordered if he deemed proper, but if so paid this office was not advised thereof; and if so paid my books do not show the real unexpended balances of the appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1868, and June 30, 1870 nor the true condition of the Trenthall deposits or for the same reasons per books of other disbursements.

Mr. Miller practicing Atty. he has

rendered on account nor given any voucher for services in connection with either of the deposits mentioned, except his regular salary account transmitted by the Surveyor General for the last quarter at its close, and from the retained duplicates of accounts rendered and from the books accounts kept in this office such appears to be the fact.

I respectfully retransmit the account of Mr. Miller and submit that upon a further examination of its premises the charges of $71.00 therein against the deposit of A.B. Carey and of $10.87 against the deposit of William Rasmithall will be found proper and admissible, should however these amounts be found not to be still available please apply in their stead the requisite amount, $81.87, from the $200 deposit of John S. Watts made June 29, 1871, and June 3, 1872.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
July 31. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit for settlement the account of Messrs Johnson and Knox, $137.-16, for matting for floors, cloth to cover tables, domestic for ceilings, varnish for fixing up furniture, and other necessary purchases for the use and benefit of this office.

Very Respectfully Your obdt. Servt.
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico,
August 2, 1875.

Rev Thomas Learnard.
La Junta. N.M.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your two letters in regard to appointment as deputy Surveyor and the survey of the La Junta grant.

Mr Tipton has just called and to him I have given a very full statement of the situation.

I have no jurisdiction to appoint deputy surveyors for Counties. My deputies only become such by virtue of Contracts entered into to perform public surveying or appointments as mineral deputy surveyors under U.S. law. My Deputies and myself are confined in our duties entirely to surveys of public land or private land grants under contract and the laws of Congress.

I remember you as chaplain of the regiment of Montgomery and Russ crew whom I served in the 12th Wis regt.

With kind regards,
I am very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James A. Proudfit,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
August 5, 1875.

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter dated July 28th from Messrs. Griffin and McMillen deputy Surveyors under Contract No. 54. dated April 11, 1873, Copy

here with enclosed, in which they ask to be relieved from surveying the third Correction line southon account of impracticability. They also ask to be relieved from subdivision of Township 17 S. of range 14 west.

From my knowledge of the country, acquired largely since letting the contract and from different sources, I am of opinion that the survey of the third correction line south ought to be approved and subject to your approval. I have instructed them not to survey said Correction line or the west boundaries of Township 16 South of Ranges 14 and 15 west, and substitute in lieu thereof either the north and west boundaries of Townships 19 and 20 South of Range 16 west or the north and East boundaries of Townships 24 and 25 South of range 13 west, the mileage and compensation being the same in either case and not exceeding the original amounts of the contract.

I have denied the request as to township 17 South Range 14 West. As I am satisfied that although somewhat broken in parts it contains good valleys, fine springs and several good settlements and the people wish it subdivided. I have these representations from people now settled there and some others at Silver city.

If my course as to the Correction and township lines be not disapproved please telegraph that I may countermand at once as the distance is great and the mail is several days in transit to Silver city which is their finest office. Meantime the contractors will be engaged upon other parts of the work.

I also submit for your approval my directions to Messrs. Griffin and Mc Millen to subdivide Township 19 South of Range 13 West, as one of the six townships which they were authorized in their contract to select for subdivision the exterior of the same having been heretofore surveyed under another contract. Said this as the request made for recommendations of survey settlers in the [illegible] and hope you will

Name no objection.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James A. Broadfit.
Surveyor General,

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
August 5, 1873.

Messrs Griffin and McMillen.
U.S. Deputy Surveyors.

Gents.

Your letter of 28th ult is at hands asking to be relieved from executing a part of the work included in your surveying contract of April 11, 1873.

I have this day written to the Commissioner of the General Land Office advising him that I have instructed you not to extend the third correction line North nor survey the western boundaries of Townships 16 S. of Ranges 14 and 15 W. and to substitute in lieu thereof either the north and west boundaries of Townships 19 and 20 S. of Range 16 W. or the north and east boundaries of Townships 24 and 25 S. of Range 13 W. and that if he disapprove the changes that he telegraph the fact, that I may countermand the directions above stated.

It is not probable that the Commissioner will disapprove but meantime I suggest that you do not run any of the substituted lines. I am of opinion that Township 17 South of Range 14 West ought to be subdivided and so direct.

I am respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
James A. Broadfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
August 9. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter of the 30th ultimo, with two enclosures, on the subject of a resurvey of the E. H. Eaton private land claim.

Very respectfully Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
August 18. 1873.

John M. Sims, Esqr,
Silver City New Mexico.

Sir:

I am in receipt today of your letter of the 5th inst. requesting an estimate of funds to be deposited for office work in the matter of the survey already returned of the Mill Site of the Wisconsin Silver City Mining and Milling Company, and in reply have to state that I estimate for that purpose the sum of forty dollars. Should the deposit be made it will be with the Designated Depositary at Santa Fe, to the credit of the appropriation for clerk hire in the office of Surveyor General for New Mexico, and should be made in the name of the individual to whom any unexpended balance may be refundable; and if more convenient to the Company the amount may be sent to me and I will cheerfully make the deposit in such name as may be desired

Very respectfully Your obdt Servt
James K Proudfit
Surv. Genl.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
August 14, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I received today your letter of 4th instant covering bill for 6 pounds P.O. balances, which I enclose herewith approved as directed, the balance amounts in good order on the 27th ultimo by express charges $9.10

Is the expense of postal balances and official stamps charged to the contingent fund of my office? On this point I have no information.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
August 15, 1873.

Hon. David O. Miller.
Craig Colorado.

Sir:

I hereby direct the employees of this office to decline hereafter to endorse notes or otherwise become security for any persons for any payments of money either verbally or in writing Except upon good and sufficient security to be approved by me. You will cause all employees to be so advised of this order.

Yours respectfully,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
August 16. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith in duplicate my annual report for the year ending June 30. 1873, and accompanying papers therein mentioned.

Very respectfully your obedient servant.
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
August 18, 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter of the 9th instant with Enclosure

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
August 20, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of your printed letter of the 18th instant enclosing, to be filled up and returned at my earliest convenience, nine copies of printed forms for data for the Biennial Register for 1873.

As the two years terminate with September, and as your directions do not state whether I am to report the data for each of the persons employed in the office during the whole biennial period - which it seems to me is the intention of the joint resolutions of April 27, 1816, and July 14, 1832, - I respectfully inquire whether I am to report at the end of September next all persons employed in the office during the previous two years or only those employed on that date.

Very respectfully your obdt. Servt.
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe. New Mexico
August 21. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit for settlement the account of Levi P. Deane, $65.79, and of Chandler Robbins, $65.21, for their services as draughtsmen and clerk in this office during a portion of the current fiscal quarter.

Very respectfully your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
August 22. 1873

Levi P. Drake, Esqr.,
United States Deputy Surveyor
Sir:

I received today your two letters from the field dated the 6th and 19th inst.

In the former of them you enquire whether Township 13 North of Range 25 East has not been already subdivided stating as the cause of the inquiry the circumstance that you had found therein "some half dozen regularly Established subdivision corners" and feared that the township may have been inserted by mistake in your contract.

In reply I have to say that I find that the township has not been subdivided. No doubt the corners you found were corners in the interior of the Pablo Montoya grant, those made by a private surveyor who I understand subdivided that grant for the owner, and who in doing so, I have also heard, subdivided some townships entire, of government land crossed by the grant lines. The township in question is one thus crossed; and if that surveyor subdivided it outside the grant the corners you observed may have been those set by him. If surveyed beyond the grant limits the work was unauthorized by law or this office and (like that outside the grant limits) was purely a private operation and cannot in any manner be recognized by you.

In your letter of the 19th I note the statement "I shall work South in the west part of my contract closing on to the Beck grant and north in east part closing in to the Montoya grant" The language is somewhat ambiguous as to whether you intended to progress with your work south or survey your lines south, and apprehensive you may have meant

the latter, I deem prudent to direct that in subdividing you must run your lines north and east as the Manual directs, otherwise your work will not pass the General Land office I fear.

Respectfully
Your obedient servant
James A. Pendleth.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
August 23. 1873.

Messrs Griffin & McMullen.
Deputy Surveyors under Contract No. 5-4.

Gentlemen:-

Yr answer to the inquiries of your note of yesterday I have to say.

The usual form of oaths of deputy surveyors Manual page 69-to the field notes, may be "modified" so as to conform to the Commissioner's instructions of April 9. quoted in my special instructions to you of June 25. 1873, by inserting in your affidavit after the words "Surveyor General" the words and figures dated June 25. 1873, and after the word "aforesaid" the words and that the descriptions of corners as set forth in these notes are each of them full exact and true descriptions of said corners.

In the event of finding any monuments corners, or ~~of~~ corners so obliterated as to render their identification impossible, or entirely unreliable upon lines of prior surveys, with which your work is connected, you are authorized on certifying to the fact in your notes to reestabeish such corners and to the extent of the funds available your account will be allowed therefor.

Respectfully your obedient servant
James A. Pendleth,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
August 25, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of 16th inst regarding account of Messrs Johnson and Koch is at hand.

The facts are that the goods were used in repairing and fixing up consequent upon moving and some of the materials and unended furniture was not delivered to or in use by my office until after the 30th of June last. Messrs J & K sold the goods with the distinct understanding that no liability existed upon the part of the government until after June 30th. It was an error on their part to date the account as they did but in approving I overlooked it. There was no intention on my part to enter into any obligation committing the government to any expenditure in excess of the contingent fund for the year ending June 30th last but possibly I did in letter though not in spirit. There was of course no fraud upon the Government.

Now view of these circumstances, I respectfully ask leave to withdraw the account which I forwarded in my letter of 31st. ult and substitute the enclosed which is in real accordance with the facts and agreement made by Messrs J. & K. and Wm Miller my late clerk in my absence.

If this change is allowed and the account passed chargeable to the contingent fund for the current fiscal year it will avoid any necessity for a deficiency appropriation and you may be assured that I shall not fall into the like error again but in all cases send accounts for purchases or otherwise at or before the close of the quarter in which they are created. Very respectfully your obdt Servt.

James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
August 26. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant relative to the change in the contract of Deputies Griffin & McMullen No. 54, of April 11. 1873, and to state that the consent to the change was this day obtained in writing from the Sureties upon the bond annexed to said contract, and was placed on file in this office.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
James A. Crowdfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
August 30. 1873.

Levi P. Vorhees, Esq.,
Deputy Surveyor under Contract No 56.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26 instant from Conchas Station in the field was received to day, and I note your statements therein concerning the Pecos grant survey as you find it, executed in 1860 and connected with the Public Surveys in 1861 by Deputies Pelham and Clements.

The same has been several times reported erroneous by Deputy Surveyors, Deputy Willison in subdividing T. 9 N. R. 21 E. found the Pecos river about 30 chains further west than Pelham and Clements report reaching it on the east bank with their line of the grant survey (south boundary) in that township and passabey

the "mounds of earth" they say they placed at the intersections of the east boundary of the grant survey with the lines of the public surveys were erroneously placed about 20 chains east of where the lines do actually intersect and of where they should stand. If the grant boundary was actually run and marked by S. Eng Co and if your theory be correct that they never measured and marked but obtained by the tables of latitude of departure the points of intersection you may find the marked boundary line by searching for it "about 20 chains" west of the line indicated by their field notes of connections, supposing there was no fraud in the grant survey I see no explanation of your not finding the boundary mounds except in the theory you suggest or in their erroneous calls of intersection points on lines of the government surveys.

You are directed to investigate and report upon the matter and to that end will test the "connections" reported by S. Eng Co. by proceeding to the N.E. corner of the grant and running thence on a course S. 28° E. to the unmerged line between T. 13 and 14 N. (upon which S. Eng Co. reported they could find no corners and with which therefore they did not connect) ascertaining and noting with great care the points of intersection east or west of course until ascertained corner on that line, and so on across the several lines of government surveys so as to test the accuracy of S. Eng Co's connections. Else erase the last in like manner from the S.E. corner of the grant on a N. 28° W. course. And should you find the connections reported by S. and Co. erroneous you will erase them and report them according to the facts, so that the case may be referred to the General Land Office and the corresponding amendments and corrections may be made there and in this office.

(You have with you a copy of the east boundary of the grant survey made from the official plat a copy of the notes of the government survey lines crossed thereby and, now and you a copy of S. and Co's notes

of their connections. Should you find the ~~marked~~ grant line of Pa[illegible]'s survey; of course you will destroy the corners you report as having established in its defaults, and will duly close your work upon it.

Such corners of the grant line as you may reestablish, if any, you will, ~~[illegible]~~ make precisely the same as the field notes show the missing ones to have been.

I regret the defective condition the Reed grant survey appears to be in, and as much as you may regret the loss of time and the increased expense its examination and correction will occasion you. There will not probably be available of the appropriation sufficient to compensate you for this necessary extra service, but I have confidence it will be paid for, even should you have to await the usual deficiency appropriation of Congress.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
James A. Broadfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico
September 4, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit the Semi-annual Returns of Property in this office belonging to the United States at the end of June last.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James A. Broadfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
September 8. 1873.

Messrs Antonio Ysidro
and Tomas Sandoval,
Commissioners for the people of the Town of
Ciballeta.

Gents:

In reply to your inquiry as to any rights acquired by any parties to any of the lands heretofore Confirmed to your town by act of Congress, in consequence of any Public Surveys lately prosecuted in or about the grant, I have to say that it confers no right upon any persons whatever to interfere with your confirmed title to your lands, nor does it affect any land title whatever.

Respectfully yours.
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
September 8. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C..

Sir:

In compliance with directions containing your circular letter of April 25, 1873. I estimate that this office will not require any official postage stamps in addition to those now on hand. for the Quarter Ending December 31. 1873.

I inadvertently omitted to send this estimate as Early as directed but will Endeavor to avoid such error in the future.

I am very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals office,
Santa Fé New Mexico.
September 10, 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the Genral Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Vol XVII of Unitid States Statutes at Large, and also a printid copy of the Annual report for 1872. of the Commissioner of the Genral Land Office.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fé New Mexico
Sept 17, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the Genral Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of the 8th instant, received today, I have the honor herewith to transmit a list of all Employees in this office on this date.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New, Mexico,
September 22. 1873

Hon Willis Drummonds.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to forward for your action, contract of this date, No. 57, in the matter of a mineral line contract, with George W. Pradt, for the survey of fractional Township 13 North of Range 7 West.

When Deputy Pradt was about finishing surveying in the immediate vicinity of this Township, under his contract No. 53, of July 8. 1873, he was requested, as he reports, by the settlers in the township to survey the same in order that they might proceed in obtaining from the Government titles to their lands: and, as he was on the ground, he accordingly executed the survey. The settlers have since made the necessary deposits of funds, with the designated Depositary at Santa Fe, for the field work ($100) and for the office work ($40) in the matter of the survey - which certificates of deposit I transmit herewith.

Deputy Pradt reports that the survey he made in this case embraces the entire surveyable portion of the township in question, the balance being very mountainous and utterly unsuitable for agricultural purposes.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
James M. Proudfit,
Surveyor Generals.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
September 27. 1873.

C. W. Williams
U.S. Deputy Surveyor.

Sir:

In pursuance of orders this day received from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, You are directed to return to the field, and perform the work under your Contract No. 48. in strict accordance with the Surveying Manual, and especially you will run the range lines north, taking the 3d Standard parallel South as a basis for your work.

You will obliterate all corners heretofore erected by you except those upon the Standard lines which will remain as you established them, as that part of your work was approved by the Commissioner. You will not meander the Pecos river, but continue Subdivisional and Township lines across the stream.

I furnish you the following extract from the letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office of July 15th 1873 and announce the same as orders to you.

"You will direct the Deputy to re-enter the field obliterate Evidences of wrong Surveys already made and establish the lines in conformity to law, taking as a basis the Third Standard parallel South. The Rio Pecos not being navigable should not be meandered but the lines extended across the same, by triangulation if necessary."

In other matters You will follow the special instructions given to you when you originally took the field to do the work November 16th 1872.

I am very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
September 30th, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I herewith have the honor to transmit for settlement the Salary Fixed Incidental Expense accounts of this office for the Quarter Ending September 30. 1873. — Except those enumerated in the accompanying abstract as previously forwarded.

I have included the vouchers for rents in my own account, as I had actually advanced the money to the owners of the building, as explained in my letter of July 7th last.

Having received no answer to my inquiry of the 14th ultimo whether the cost of the postal balances is chargable against any Contingent fund, I have so charged it on my books here, as shown by the abstract. The official postage stamps, I am now satisfied are not chargable against the fund, but against the $220.000 Congressional Appropriations for providing stamps for the Interior Department. —

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James H. Proudfit,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico,
September 29. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of 16th. inst in regard to cause of dep-uty Hiles and in reply to any letter of July 28th last. reached me on 27th. inst. and I that day handed to him in person a letter of which I enclose copy.

Referring to the last paragraph of your letter I have to say: that I gave him his instructions of Nov. 16. 1872, under what seemed to us both, from the rec-ords of this office, to be an exceptional but firmly established plan of work, for the region where he was going, and he does not hold me either person-ally or officially responsible in any manner for any loss that he may suffer. For myself I can only say that I did what I supposed was my legal duty.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James A. Wood fit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
September 30. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Having been appointed by the Governor as delegate to a convention which is to meets at Denver, Colorado, on the 15th proximo to consider the subject of irrigation, tree planting and connected matters in these regions. I have consented to go and will await receipt of Your early leave of absence

to go to Denver which you kindly granted me by telegraph on July 19th last. I will leave the office in charge of Mr. Dan. J. Miller, my chief clerk and trust you will approve my going. If not countermanded can doubtless reach me by telegraph as I shall not leave before the 10th proximo.

I am very respectfully
your obedient servant,
Willis H. Brindley,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
October 6, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith statements of the special deposit accounts of Peter Maxwell, Fred. Meyers and Harris Abrahams respectively, together with an account of each of these depositors whose account is closed, for the unexpended balance to be refunded.

The certificates of deposit for amounts deposited by Maxwell for field work done in the matter of the survey of T. 2 & 3 N. R. 26 E. for Pellens was forwarded April 27, 1872; and I now forward a certificate for amount, $50, deposited by Meyers for office work in the matter of the survey of the San Agustin Mining claims as reduced, and a like certificate for amount, $40. deposited by Abrahams for office work in connection with the survey of the Peabody Mining claims.

As I have as mentioned in my letter to you of the 12th July last, received no directions for the disposition of the duplicate plats remaining in this office of the reduced San Agustin Mining survey. I have therefore transmitted the same to the Register of the Land Office

My books show that all the Special deposits hitherto made in this Office for Office work in connection with private surveys amount to a total of $ 30.00 and that the whole amount drawn against this fund is $ 15.31.46 leaving an unexpended balance of $ 14.83.54. I request that you advise me whether this statement of the present condition of my deposit fund agrees with the books of the General Land Office, and if not what the amount of such balance is.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
October 9. 1873.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Surveyor General to communicate to you that on the 6th instant an account for $ 3.91 the unexpended balance of your $ 20. deposit for the survey of the Peabody mining claim - was transmitted to the General Land Office, with request that a draft for that amount on the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé be forwarded to you at Silver City.

Respectfully Yours,
Wm. H. Miller,
Ch. Clerk.

David Abrahams. Esq:
Silver City. New Mexico.

Letter of this date and import transmitted to Depositories Alter Manuel at Fort Sumner and Fred Mayers at Santa Fé.

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
October 11. 1873

J. Irvin Gregg,
Colonel 8th Cavalry and
Bvt. Brig. General U.S. Army
Commdg District of New Mexico.

Sir:

I respectfully request that you order the commandant at Fort Stanton to furnish Mr White, one of my deputy surveyors who expects soon to go to the Pecos river near the mouth of the Nondo, to do some surveying, an escort of ten men, infantry preferred, if there shall be any danger from Indians, in that vicinity, when Mr. White reaches Fort Stanton.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
October 23rd 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you cause to be forwarded for the use of this office one or two reams of field notes paper.

The office will be very nearly or quite out of it about the time the supply now asked for can reach here by due course of mail.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé. New Mexico
October 31. 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On 29th inst I had the honor to receive your letter of Sept. 25th last acknowledging receipt of mine of Aug 14, 21st & 25th. and answering my inquiry of Aug 14, 1873. It had been opened and marked at the bottom "Answered N. M. Miscellaneous, N. T."
Also same day received your letter of 13th. instant in regard to Granting accounts.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James A Proudfit
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé. New Mexico
October 31, 1873.

Hon Thos. B Catron
U.S. Attorney.
Sir:

You are hereby authorized to take or cause to be taken before J.G. Palen, Clerk of the Second Judicial District Court of the United States for New Mexico the testimony of such or so many witnesses to be used before me as you may desire to examine or have examined in regard to the Plaintillo grants of land.

You may also or cause to be asked for me if witnesses have any interest in the matter and if the latter, the precise locality if practicable, as also any other questions which in your judgment may be proper to aid the interests of the United States. Very respectfully your obt servt
James A. Proudfit Sr. S.G.

Treasury of Manuals for
Users of Free Knowledge
Calabar 3rd, 1952

William, Thiel, Esq.
United Bible Societies Secretariat

Sir:

I am replying to your letter of 22nd instant asking certain special instructions as to sending goods by your agents in pre-revolutionary Germany. I have to say that while your course is unobjectionable and so far as it goes without precedent, I cannot take the responsibility of changing the directives which have been given by our Supreme Head, the Generalissimo of the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom. Your full explanation of the difficulties we are, which have been furnished upon they are in accordance to perform the course strictly according to the Instructions Manual and not to mean in the first case Given.

If you encounter any state of things which do not seem to be provided for in the Manual, and very likely you will, you cannot exercise your own judgment and take the risk yourself.

Wishing you success,

Yours sincerely,

(Miss M. J., Typist,
Treasury of Manuals.

Surveyor General's Office,
State of Wis, Mineral Point,
October 31. 1873

Hon. Wells Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington. D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. calling for an explanation of the necessity of contract No. 56 as additional to No. 56 with Geo. W. Brack. for the survey of fractional T. 33. N. R. 2 E.

The letter of the contracts, it is true, describes T. 33 N. R. 2 E. as one of those to be subdivided - at the discretion however, of Deputy Brack, giving him in the premises following the specifications of the work contemplated.

Deputy Brack states that when requested to survey the township he had about finished all the surveying the fences provided for in the contract would pay for, without intending to embrace this township in his work, owing to its very mountainous character and the insignificant quantity of subdivisible land therein. The settlers however informed him that they would therefore make the necessary repair for the survey and incidental cost, which they declared unwilling to, as shown in my letter to you of the 22d. ultimo which was intended also as an explanation of the reasons of said contract No. 56.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
(Signed) H. D. Barnes,
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
November 3, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d. ultimo giving directions for the Publications and filing with the Register of Township Plats.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant:
James H. Proudfit, Jr.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office.
Santa Fe, New Mexico
October 31, 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I enclose certified plat of Survey of this day of Chaparitis Griffin and Nick Williams Contract No. 54 dated April 11 1873. asking for extension of time to June 30. 1874 in which to complete the remainder of their work, a portion being already returned, and recommend that the request be granted. The written consent of their bondsmen to the extension of time is on file in my office.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James H. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Treasurer of the State
of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for payment the warrants of Torrance County in favor of the several persons named in the certificate, which warrants were forwarded to me for certification with my letter of the 6th instant.

Very respectfully,

James A. Armijo,
Secretary of State.

Secretary of State's Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
December 17, 1923.

Hon. Miguel A. Otero,
Governor of the State of New Mexico,
Santa Fe, N. M.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing certificates of indebtedness issued to the several persons named therein, in favor of Torrance County, and in reply to state that the same will be duly registered and delivered to the persons entitled thereto.

Very respectfully,

James A. Armijo,
Secretary of State.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
November 22d 1873

Messrs. Griffith McMullen
Deputy-Surveyors under Contract N° 24.

Gentlemen:

Yesterday from the General Land Office authority dated the 12th instant to extend the time of your Contract to January 31, 1874 as you had requested and I now here extend the same to that date.

Respectfully your obedient Servant
James R. Bradfield.
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico
November 25. 1873.

Alexander A. Perrine Esq.
Elgin Illinois
Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant I have to say the notes of the survey of the Twilight Ledge Star Mine in Lone Mountain Mining district, Grant County, were filed in this office by the Surveyor in September last, and that as the necessary deposit of funds for office work on the Case has not been made no action has been had on the survey.

The amount of the deposit will be $40. to be made with the Designated Depositary at Santa Fe, his certificate for which are to be taken in duplicate the original of which will be furnishing you to be forwarded immediately to the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington.

If you desire you may send the money to me and I will duly make the deposit for you and send you the certificate.

When the platting, transcription of field notes &c shall have been done in this office the plat and transcript will be sent to George H. Tinn at Silver City, New Mexico

or to yourself at Silver City to be by him or you filed
with the Register of the Land Office at Santa Fe, along with
the plats to be sent to be posted on the plans.

The press of business in the office would not permit me to take up your case
for at least a month hence, & therefore you will have
ample time to make the deposit before it is needed.

Whatever portion of it shall not be applied will be
refunded to the depositor in a draft on the National Treasury.

You may rest assured that the Surveyor General before
finally approving the survey must be satisfied from evidence
certified to him by the deputy surveyor or from his own
examination to certify on the plat that $500. worth of labor
and improvements has been placed in the mine, and the dep=
uty does not furnish any such evidence with the notes re=
turned.

Respectfully your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
November 26, 1873

Hon. Wells Fillmore
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D. C.

Sir.

I have the honor to
transmit by this mail the plats and transcript of field
notes of public surveys executed by Deputy Surveyor H. Pratt
under his Contract No. 56 of July 1, 1873 also his account for
the work.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

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Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
November 25. 1879

T. E. M. Eaton
Esq.

Sir.

I have receivd from the Hon Commissioner of the General Land Office a decision in your case to the effect that you are only entitled to the land inclosed within the following boundaries under the Confirmation of the Domingo Fernandez Grant, in this land district which you claim to own.

"From the Mesita of the Laguneitas upwards as far as the spring of La Vaca, under the boundaries of the grant which said boundaries are given as on the North the summit of the creston, on the East the spring of La Buca and on the West opposite the middle Creston"

I am also ordered to and do now notify you that you will be allowed sixty days from this date within which to appear before me and submit testimony as to the location of the Cañon de la Cueva, the crestons on the West, the mesita of the Laguneitas and the spring of La Vaca and also as to the shape of the tract as thus bounded, which was allotted as aforesaid to Domingo Fernandez.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
November 26. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D. C.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6th inst in regard to survey of the Eaton grant, together with enclosure, also your letter of 11 inst containing your decision on the case together with certain orders to me

On the 25th inst I personally served upon Col E. H. Eaton, the only party in interest known to the records of this office, or to me personally, a letter and notice of which I enclose a copy marked "A."

I have to day received reply from him Copy herewith marked "B."

I await further instructions presuming that my duties in the matter are suspended for the time being.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
November 28. 1879.

Wan Wells Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington D. C.

Sir:

A deposit of forty dollars has this day been made with the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé by Alexander A. Reviere of Elgin, Illinois, for office work in connection with the survey of Twilight Ledge Star Mine in this Territory; and I herewith forward the duplicate certificate of deposit.

Very respectfully your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office.
Santa Fé, New, Mexico
November 28. 1879.

Alexander A. Reviere, Esq.,
Elgin, Illinois.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th instant enclosing postal money order for $50. for office work in connection with the survey of the Twilight Ledge Star Mine.

As my estimate furnished you in my letter of the 25th ult. in answer to yours of the 16th inst. ant. was but $40. I have made a deposit of this amount in the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé in your name, and herewith return to you in a postal order the remaining $10. I enclose the original of the Depositary's certificate, to be by you forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington.

Very respectfully your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
November 28. 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of of the 18th inst. Concerning the location of certain boundary cases of the Town of Tecolote land claim, in regard to which I am directed to take testimony and make report.

I have delayed somewhat my reply in order to make some inquiries on the subject and now beg the privilege of suggesting that there can be no conflict between the Las Vegas Grant and that of Tecolote in which the Government of the United States can have any interest, and I am advised by Judge Houghton of this City who is of Counsel for the people of Las Vegas, in application for their patent, as well as otherwise about their land affairs, that there is no Conflict or dispute between the two villages whatever to his knowledge,

It appears that although the Tecolote grant was surveyed and platted first, it was not laid down upon the plats of the survey of the Las Vegas grant when it was afterwards made, nor do the field notes of the surveys indicate any connection by the surveyors but both grants were surveyed at Government expense and separated from the public domain entirely.

The whole of the Tecolote grant lies within the grant as originally made to Las Vegas, but the part claimed by Tecolote was confirmed to that village separately and never disputed by Las Vegas. I have never heard of nor do the records of the office indicate any conflict or anything but the best of feeling between the two villages as to their respective land boundaries.

I submit that Mr Prices note on the Tecolote plat that it conflicts with Las Vegas, is perhaps

founded upon a misconception - the conflict being apparent only, not real, as I have explained above.

I have no doubt from all that I can learn that the people of Las Vegas will cheerfully accept a patent for their grant from which the grant of Beaubien shall be saved and excepted.

In case however, I am to go on with the investigation, shall I proceed by advertising to whom it may concern, and shall it be in English and Spanish and in papers here and at Las Vegas or only at one place? In case I should have to go on the grant a considerable expense will have to be incurred. As it seems to be entirely a matter between private grants please advise me of whom I shall demand the necessary deposit to cover expenses of advertising, notices calling Commissioners, traveling &c under the act of May 30th 1862.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

P.S. I enclose copy of a letter this day receiving to me by Judge Houghton touching the matter under consideration.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
November 29. 1873.

Hon R W Taylor,
First Comptroller of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the use of your office five Contracts for the Survey of certain public lands in this district, Viz:.

No. 53, with Lewis Kingman dated April 11, 1873
" 54 " Griffin & McMullen " " " 1 "
" 55 " Levi P. Drake " July 5 "
" 56 " George A. Pradt " " 8 "
" 57 " Dr " Sept 22 "

Very respectfully,
James K Proudfit,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
Dec 1. 1873

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir;

One of the Contracts of your letter of October 22 was inadvertently cleared by this office on the 26th instant without transmitting, as required before Contracts, the duplicate plats of said districts & townships with the transcripting account of Deputy Pradt for work under Contract No. 56. The plats of the standard and exterior township lines I think I have Corrected in the forwarding as read.

In returning the data for the township by the duplicate plats transmitted as above may be forwarded to the General Land Office after

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the receipt here of the Registers receipts for the certificates, and to close letters upon them, and make Requisite directions as with forwarding the data for that purpose immediately after receiving the Registers receipts for the duplicates, which according to my determinement (first insertion appearing in the Santa Fe weekly New Mexican of November 22nd) must be filed with the Register on the first of January next.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
December 1 1873.

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor here to transmit my estimate for postage stamps for the use of this office during the ensuing fiscal quarter to wit.

150	of the denomination of	3 Cents	
50	" " "	6 "	
30	" " "	12 "	
30	" " "	15 "	
10	" " "	21 "	
05	" " "	90 "	

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.
November 21, 1873.

Hon. Wells Hutchinson,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith the Transcripts of field notes of the subdivisional lines of T. 12 of R. 22, T. 10, 11 & 12 of R. 23, T. 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 of R. 24, T. 10, 11, 12 & 13 of R. 25, and T 11 of R. 26, North of the Base Line and East of the Principal Meridian surveyed by Lewis P. Bruce, under his Contract No. 57 of June 5, 1873 and also his accounts for that survey amounting to $7104.01.

It will be seen that the townships subdivided by Deputy Bruce are but 1/4 instead of the 1/2 mentioned in his Contract, he having run instead to survey small fractional T. 12 of R. 26 for the reasons he gives and illustrates by diagrams - See page 7 & 8 of Transcripts - to wit, the evidently erroneous marking of an angle of the west boundary of the Pueblo Tierra Amarilla claim. His reasons for omitting that township appear to me sufficient and he has surveyed and filed in this office the required Contract, Plats and Field Notes, making of his boundaries, to the exclusion of said township from his contract, and I hope his action will be approved and he exempted from the forfeiture as to that township be granted.

Deputy Bruce-Transcripts page 317 refers that he found that the East boundary of the Pueblo Tierra Amarilla claim surveyed by Deputy Holmes in 1860, in accordance to their notes of connections with the public surveys, erroneously connected with the wrong, and that course the remonstrants they refer to are much embarrassed as the ground to have the corner ascertained after long and diligent search for the same. Also Jesus M. y la Cruz Garcia and different others, and also the inhabitants of

portion of the line called for which is fully explained in his notes.

He is also instructed, as also where ascertained for him to proceed to the N.E. corner of the claim and thence run the line to the nearest boundaries connected of those he was to subdivide, and he had my instructions to do so, and as it was afterwards found necessary to resurvey the whole boundary and reestablish a portion of it, I have caused such necessary work to be done and his charges therefor included in his accounts.

All of which is submitted for your consideration and decision.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
James H. Bowman,
Surveyor Gen.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico
December 10, 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Township Field notes and the accounts of Deputy George H. Pradt in the matter of the survey of the exterior Boundaries of Township 13 North of Range 7 West, executed for settlers thereon and to be paid for from the Special deposit made September 20, 1873. Ben. Montano (A. V.) Baca.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James H. Bowman,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe. New Mexico
Dec 13. 1873.

Hon Wells Drummond
Commissioner of the Genral Land office,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the twenty-five printed copies of your instructions of Nov. 20, 1873, Concerning the survey of mining claims, transmitted with your letter of the 4th instant.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit;
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
December 13, 1873.

Hon Wells Drummond,
Commissioner of the Genral Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir.

Herewith I have the honor to forward in pursuance of your letter of the 4th instant and as in connection with the accounts of deputies Drake and Pradt (Contracts 55 and 57) transmitted on the 4th and 10th instant, rough diagrams showing the distances run in the field and charged for in those accounts, respectively — except the distance upon the Beck grant boundary retraced by Deputy Drake as explained in his notes and in my letter of Dec 4. forwarding his account

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor Genrl.

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico
December 13. 1873.

Hon Columbus Delano
Secretary of the Interior
Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 14th ult appointing me a commissioner to appraise the lands of the Ft Sumner Reservation.

I will accept and perform the duties incumbent upon me next month if it is agreable to you. I cannot make the journey any sooner on account of official duties pressing upon me. Enclosed please find oath of office.

I Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James K Proudfit.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 20. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I respectfully request that one hundred and fifty small and fifty fractional Plat Blanks for Township sixteen subdivided be forwarded for the use of this office

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
December 22. 1873.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant concerning the appeal of E. H. Eaton in the matter of his application for a resurvey of the private land claim in his name.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe New Mexico,
December 27. 1873

Hon. Willis Drummond;
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the accounts created in this office during the fiscal quarter Ending the 31st instant as shown by the accompanying statements.

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
January 2, 1874

Hon. Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the triplicate plat of fractional T. 13. N. R. 7 W. furnished the Register on the first instant bears my certificate that on September 20. 1873, Ramon A. Baca made a deposit of $140 with the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé, in the matter of the survey of said township for settlers, of which deposit $100 was for fiscal (proper) and $40. for office work, and that of said $100 $92.03 and of said $40. $02.05 had been applied leaving to be refunded to said Baca $5.39

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office.
Santa Fé, New Mexico
January 2, 1874

Hon. Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the first of December last concerning the duplicate plats of Townships subdivided by Deputy Proudfit (to wit: T. 10 N. R. 9 & 10 W. T. 11 N. R. 9 & 10 W. T. 12 N. R. 9, 10 & 11 W. and, T. 13 N. R. 8. 9. 10 & 11 W.) I now have the honor to state that the duplicate plats were filed with the Register of the Land Office on the first instant per his receipt to me of that date in pursuance of my advertisement of December 1. the several issues of

the newspaper containing said advertisement, marked being forwarded by 1st days mail on a roller together with other like newspapers and certain duplicate plats.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé. New Mexico,
January 2. 1874.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith duplicate plats of the following subdivided townships, triplicates of which were on the first instant filed with the Register at Santa Fé, in pursuance of my two advertisements of December 1, and his receipts of that date taken and placed on file, the newspapers containing which advertisements named are also sent herewith.

T.	12 N.	R.	22 E.
"	10, 11, 12	"	23 "
"	10, 11, 12, 13, 14	"	24 "
"	10, 11, 12, 13	"	25 "
"	11	"	26 "
"	13	"	27 "

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
January 10 1855.

Hon. Hiram Rennselaer
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 20th ult. relative to the account of Deputy Surveyor M. Shaw for extra services in the contract No. 2 of 1854 allowing the same at $2 per mile over the limit, I have to state that the contract limits the compensation to 4 men, viz. one chainman, axeman, marker and packer, and that it was in reply to the letter of the Surveyor General that the allowance of extra men was made, and not from any knowledge of the Department.

I have also to state that the account rendered by the Deputy Surveyor is the account as returned by the Surveyor General for approval, and the balances exhibited by this account have been paid.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Calvin M. Pruett,
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico
January 22, 1874

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith transcripts of the field-notes of surveys executed by Deputies Griffin & McMullen under their contract No. 54 plats of fractional township lines and rough diagrams, showing distances run in subdividing, and also their account for the same

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
Chas. N. Pendleton,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
January 22, 1874.

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith, for transmission to Surveyors, transcripts in duplicate of private land claims reported as No. 77 in the name of the Town of Ojo Caliente, which was ordered surveyed by me on the 22nd inst. under the act approved July 22, 1854, establishing this office.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
Chas. N. Pendleton
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé. New Mexico
January 22d. 1874

Hon. Willis Drummond;
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir.

In the absence of the Surveyor General, (at Fort Bascom on one of the Commissioners to appraise the land of the vacated military reserve there), I have the honor herewith to transmit, for the action of Congress transcripts in triplicate of private land claims reported as No. 79 in the name of Antonio Chaves for the lands known as the San Lorenzo Arroyo Tract situated in the County of Socorro in this Territory, acted upon by the Surveyor General on the 5th. instant.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
Wm. J. Miller
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé. New Mexico
January 27. 1874

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Enclosed I have the honor to forward for payment the approved accounts of W. W. Copeland, & co. for two blank Township Plats, mentioned in your letter of 9th. instant.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James M. Brumfield,
Surveyor General.

L. L. B.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
January 27, 1874

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In pursuance of your directions, I have the honor to forward herewith one authenticated diagram showing the fractional lots and their numbers in fractional T. 11 N. R. 9 W. the numbers being omitted as appears from your letter upon the duplicate plat transmitted to the General Land Office, November 26, 1873. I find upon examination that the numbers are all properly inserted upon the original plat in this office, and upon the Triplicate at the Register's.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
January 29, 1874.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that in pursuance of your directions I have designated the San Augustin Mine survey as Lot No. 37 on the plats of the claims at this office; and as the Register and also upon originals of subdivided fractional T. 22 S. R. 10 W. and I have furnished the Register of the Land Office here with a copy of the field notes of said Mine survey.

Very respectfully your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surv. Gen'l.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
January 27, 1874

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that I returned to my office yesterday from duty as Commissioner to appraise the lands of the Ojo de Borrego reserve military reservation, together with Mr. A. G. Hogt, the Register of the Land Office.

The reports and accounts of the Commission will be forwarded very soon.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James N. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
January 28. 1874

W. B. Rice, Esqr.
Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Sir:

In compliance with the request of your letter of the 23 d. instant for an estimate for the cost of the survey of a township of public land, with the view of drawing a deposit of funds for the execution of the survey thereof, I have to say that from your letter I infer the township meant is No. 22 South of range No. 5 East.

Of this township only the South exterior line has been surveyed, and it would be necessary to survey the three remaining exteriors and the surveyable portion of the whole township. For the survey of the said three exterior sides and the interior subdivisional lines, I estimate $ 825, and for office work $100.

The deposits if made will be made with the Designated Depositary at Santa Fe. — the $825. to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States on account of surveying the public lands, and the $100 in like manner on account of clerk hire in the office of the Surveyor General the certificate of deposit for each amount to be taken in duplicate, the original to be by the depositor transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington, and the duplicate filed in this office.

Under the act of July 1. 1864, any balance unexpended of the whole deposits will be refunded the persons in whose name the funds were deposited, and under the act of March 3. 1871, the part of the whole deposit applied to paying for the survey and for the office work incident thereto may be applied to paying the government for the land taken by the settler or settlers.

It is proper to mention that an application for survey and deposits of funds therefor gives no preference rights to the land where an adverse claim exists and that any controversy arising concerning the land must be investigated and passed upon by the Local land office before pre-emption entry will be allowed on the deposits credited to the settler.

If it would accommodate you, the funds intended to be deposited may be forwarded to me, and they will be duly deposited.

Respectfully your obedient servant
James M. Edwards,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe. New Mexico
January 29. 1874

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit, duly executed, as I believe a new official bond, in accordance with your letter of direction of 2d instant.

My absence on official business from the 8th to the 27th instant is the reason that it was not sooner executed.

Hoping soon to be informed of its approval and requesting the surrender of the old bond if that be legal.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe. New Mexico
January 31. 1874.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a printed copy of your annual report for 1873. and accompanying documents.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
February 5, 1874

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 28th ult. relative to the boundaries and Meridian Private land grants together with the accompanying papers.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proffit,
Surveyor General.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the petition of the Governor of Pueblo Indians of Isleta New Mexico praying for and duplicate plats of the seven hundred pueblo, Spanish leagues square and township subdivision and lines — also the accounts for the same.

I also acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult. enclosing copies of petitions sent to you by, and letters to file with register duplicate plats of Isleta Pueblo subdivided & Belen Mining claim and Valley and Mc Millen the Townsite, county diagram and accounts of Mesa Gordo Mining claim surveyed in pursuance of your instructions.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
James K. Proffit,
Surveyor General.

Washington, D.C.
March 17, 1874.

Hon. Wm. Dennison,
Postmaster General,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt this day of your circular letter of this instant relative to drafts & warrants.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
Wm. M. Gwynne,
Assistant Treasurer.

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Washington, D.C.
January 27, 1874.

Hon. Wm. Dennison
Postmaster General
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt this day of your circular letter of this instant relative to drafts & warrants.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
Wm. M. Gwynne,
Assistant Treasurer.

Register Land Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
February 6, 1903.

Register, Receiver &c.
U. S. Mineral Deposit Surveyor
Silver City, New Mexico

Sir:

Your field-notes of the survey of the Midnight Mirage Mine, mineral entry No. , and filed in this office September 29, 1902, are returned upon examination to be defective in that the record of the survey is not illegal, there is no, given a figure at variance with the provisions of the law of May 10, 1872, that the ends of a claim shall be parallel to one another.

You state that the N. W. corner is identical with the S. E. corner, thence N. 24° 30' E. 22.93 chains to the N. E. corner, thence S. 22° 30' E. 3.53 chains to the S. E. corner, thence S. 22° 30' W. 22.93 chains to the S. E. corner, and thence N. 65° 30' W. to the said S. W. corner. You will represent whether these notes are correct, and if not will correct to conform to the facts.

You will also represent the exact and true size of the monuments placed at the corners of the claim.

You do not state whether at least $100.00 worth of labor and improvements has been expended upon the mine, and will report your opinions as to this based upon reliable facts.

You will, without delay, return your decision, and these papers to, to be appended to the field notes on file.

Respectfully
(Name illegible)
Register in charge

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
February 17, 1873.

Hon. Hiram Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with your circular of instructions of January 1st 1873, I have the honor to submit a statement of public land surveys expended through this office during the current fiscal year for public land surveys showing necessity for a new deficiency appropriation, with reasons therefor.

The appropriation for surveying public lands is $30,000

Against which accounts for services are as follows

Lewis Kingman	Contract No. 53.	$ 525.10
Griffin & McMullen	" " 54.	3 705.45
W. D. Drake	" " 55.	104.91
Geo. H. Prado	" " 56.	6.660.10
Total		$30.684.66

Maximum deficiency to be provided for $ 684.66

The amount which is required for these contracts was $2,500 for reasons stated in my letter to you of the 5th inst. Deputy Prado's accounts exceeded the limits of the contract by the sum of $ 260.10 I enclose herewith a copy of the letter mentioned, and your reply of 29th ult. thereto.

Deputy Drake's contract being contingent for subdivisional lines, and it not being anticipated at the time of writing it that any higher priced lines would have to be run by him, no provision was then made for such contingency and his accounts was allowed at the prices of subdivisional lines viz $ 10.00 per mile. It is a fact however that he was obliged to reestablish a few miles of lines which were originally established at a greater price. The excess over $ 10.00 per mile or amount disallowed is $ 117.25. When Deputy Drake took the field May 26. 1873. it being then discovered possible that he might have to reestablish some higher priced lines I instructed him that he would be allowed the customary rates for such work, that is, the original price paid. I

I enclose copy of extract from the Special instructions of July 26. 1873. which if then you have time examined B. an explanation of his accounts.

If Deputy Kingmans account forwarded on 10th instant be found correct there will be a deficiency on the amount of $305.28

The total deficiency being caused simply by unbooked for, but necessary field work, the account being found correct in your office and the work having been executed honestly and in good faith by the deputies. I trust you will submit to Congress with your approval a deficiency estimate for the current fiscal year for public land surveys in this district as follows:

For Lewis Kingman	Contract No. 53.		305.28
" D. P. Drake,	"	" 55.	119.28
" Geo. H. Pradt,	"	" 56.	260.10

All of which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) James K. Proudfit,
U.S. Surveyor General
for New Mexico.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
February 18, 1874

To Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit an estimate for a small deficiency appropriation for public surveys in this district for the current fiscal year, with reasons for the same, and two documents copied. ...

I hope you will approve this estimate and give it the usual direction in such cases. The deputies interested would be pleased if you will communicate to me your conclusion when arrived at.

I am very respectfully your obt. servt. (Signed) James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
February 15, 1874

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit the duplicate plats of townships subdivided by Deputies Griffin and Wilcox under their contract No. 54 of April 11, 1873, the plat of Township 16 North, Range 7 West, with the accompanying field notes of the subdivisional lines together with the certificates of the Deputies, having been forwarded on the 6th instant.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
James M. Proudfit,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
February 20, 1874.

Hon. Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th. inst. announcing receipt and approval of my recent official bond.

I am, very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
James M. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor Gen'l's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
December 23, 1874.

Hon Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.

In attention to your letter of the 22nd ultimo I have the honor to state that the fractional lots on each of the plats both at this office and at the Registers Office are progressing rapidly, as shown by the enclosed Skeleton diagram viz:

T. 22 + 23 S.	R. 18. W.
" 19, 22, 23, 24. S.	" 19. "
" 19. S.	" 20 "
" 10. N.	" 21 E.
" 9. "	" 32 "

The corrections of the other plats referred to in your letter as to numbers of fractional lots will be ascertained and reported at as early a D. T. as practicable.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
James K. P. McGuffie,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe New Mexico,
February 25, 1875.

Hon Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th ult. in regard to the survey of the fractional land grants of Peralta, Armijo, Alamigny Alcalde and F.K. Sumner as officers of lands. Since my return I have made such examinations of the matter as to convince me of the propriety of asking further orders.

I am satisfied that it can obtain no satisfactory

testimony as to the location of the points required except by going upon the ground and causing a retracing of the lines and taking such testimony as I may be able to obtain. Except by this course I know of no way by which I can ascertain for myself or state to others where the points are on the face of the earth, in an intelligible manner.

I wish instructions as to whether I shall advertise for testimony to be offered by parties in interest at my office or in the field, or as my office first and failing that then at Escalate or in the field. As I am satisfied that no witnesses will appear to give testimony I suggest that if not legally necessary the advertising be dispensed with. As it seems to me that a retracing or examination in the field is necessary. I respectfully inquire if it might not be paid for legally out of the fund "for occasional examination of the public surveys in the several surveying districts in order to test the accuracy of the work in the field" if there be a balance unexpended, as this survey was a public one, or at least made at public expense.

I estimate cost of the investigation as follows:

Advertising 4 weeks 2 languages	$50.00
7 days use of team and outfit	70.00
7 " service of Surveyor	70.00
3 " " " Chainman	12.00
7 " Expenses of myself surveyor and interpreter with team $10.00	91.00
	$293.00

The journey will require two days each way, the distance being over sixty miles, and three days will probably be required to examine witnesses, locate the points and connect them with the public surveys. The expense could not be borne by the contingent fund of this office especially as it is otherwise insufficient to defray necessary charges against it, which are considerably more than last year, and I suggest it be provided to authorize for a deficiency appropriation, or a sum of money to use this fiscal year, under this ruling if will accom-

write explaining the situation.

If notice has to be advertised I suggest that it be in Spanish only as every person of any prominance of either Deceased or Las Vegas, understands Spanish, and the great majority do not understand English.

The time occupied in waiting further instructions will not be lost as the snow is very deep in the cañons and foot-hills where the points in question are located and the investigations on the ground cannot take place until the opening of Spring.

Referring to the second paragraph of your letter of November 12th I beg to suggest that much confusion exists in the average Mexican mind as well as that of the average interpreter and translator as to the terms leagues and miles and their equivalents in the English and Spanish Possibly the person who puts the petition into English may have been befogged on that point. I have been aware, to my sorrow and vexation in passing inquiries on the road when traveling.

I wish to say also that the work of Mr. Barnett, who made the Deceased survey is unifromily found to be correct and well done by those surveyors who connect with his work of late years. He was a very capable, honest and conscientious surveyor I am led to believe, and it is very probable that his survey of the Deceased grants, is substantially if not exactly correct.

Further orders will be obeyed as promptly as practicable.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
February 25. 1874.

Hon: Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit to be laid before Congress the transcripts of three private land claims acted upon by me under the act of July 22. 1854 viz.

No. 78 in name of Bartolome Fernandez
" 82 " " " Salvador Gonzales
Letter F. " " " Ana, Santa Ana and Jemez.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James A Brondfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 5. 1874

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward the transcripts of field notes the duplicate plats and the accounts for work, under Deputy William Whites contract No. 48 of Oct. 9. 1872.

The duplicate plats of his subdivisional work, will in pursuance of my advertisement in course of publication be transmitted to the Register and the first proximo, and when his receipt is then issued its contents will be furnished you to be noted on the duplicate at the G. L. O. if it be required under the regulations of October 22, 1873, in this instance of a contract made in 1872 and of work pertaining to last fiscal year.

The township as submitted is unfit for

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Embraces the change for an angle, a portion of the North boundary of T. 12 N. of R. 26 and of T. 13 of R. 24, which had already been established, and for which Deputy White claims pay, as in his opinion the survey was required under his contract. I have approved the accounts subject to the "alterations and corrections" mentioned in my certificate of approval

Hon. Wm. White has written me that this survey as nearly as possible in accordance with the manual and your instructions of July 15 and September 16, 1873, although he was, of course, obliged to establish closable township corners between correction lines.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James N. Edmunds,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Gen'l's Office,
Santa Fe, N.M.
March 6, 1874.

W. H. Jones Esq.
Elgin Illinois.

Sir:

On the 13th ultimo correspondence relative to the returns of the survey of the Principal Meridian & Baseline to be connected by the Deputy Surveyor was duly acknowledged before this time, as about a week before its receipt I had written the Deputy Mr. Alexander Grant (at Silver City, which he gave as his address when here) requiring his attention and action in the premises, but have received no reply, and I have again written him (in registered letter) directing him to proceed immediately.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
James N. Edmunds,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico
March 6, 1874

Alexander Grant Esq.
U.S. Mineral Deputy Surveyor,
Silver City, New Mexico.

Sir:

I am hereby directed to request the facts concerning the survey made over returned by you in the Surveyor's Ledge Plan Mine as required in my letter to you of the 6th ultimo, a copy of which is here enclosed.

The matter is of urgent importance to the parties interested, who have made the necessary deposit of funds for perfecting the claims and are impatient for a patent.

I am respectfully,
(Signed) etc. etc. etc.,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor-General's Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
March 6, 1874

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I write to the large postage on plats, transcripts of field notes, land grants &c. I find I shall not have sufficient official postage stamps for the coming quarter as I required & should have in my letter of 17th ultimo.

I therefore estimate that I shall need the following:

10 stamps of	40¢	5	00
20 " "	24	4	80
10 " "	15	1	50
10 " "	12	1	20

I am very respectfully your obedient servant,
(Signed) W. Pennington,
Surveyor General.

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Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the accompanying petition of [illegible] praying for the extension of the [illegible] to the United States.

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Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
March 24, 1874.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith in triplicate the transcripts of private land claims reported as No. 80 in the name of Juan de Mestas, for the action of Congress under act of July 22, 1854.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe. New Mexico,
March 27. 1874.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Lands Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit, for adjustments and settlements, the salary and incidental Expense accounts created in this office during the fiscal quarter ending March 31. 1874.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
March 31, 1874.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of 7th instant to this office and of 9th instant to the Register of the Land office, the Register and myself have consulted, and hence this letter.

The direction to me is to furnish the register with sketches of surveyed private grants. It seems to us both that a better plan of arriving at fractional lots outside of and adjoining grants lines, that being what the register desires, would be to delineate the lines on the plats of subdivided townships in his office, and do the same hereafter in cases of grant lines crossing subdivided townships.

Further, should ones the lots be numbered and areas calculated? This latter could only be done approximately, but nearly enough roughly for practical purposes, I presume, and it would afford the register the data upon which to sell the land belonging to governments, leaving the grants undisturbed.

It will involve a very large amount of labor of draughtsmen to furnish the register with sketches of all the surveyed private grants and the present register informs one that it would not afford him the information that he desires.

Whatever course is pursued, I will cause the work to be executed as rapidly as possibles with the force at my disposal.

On this connection please advise me which of the surveys of confirmed private land claims in this territory have been finally approved

and whether the register is to be furnished also with the lines of those which have ever been finally approved.

In regard to this matter I have many inquiries from grant owners but am unable to inform them.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James A. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 1, 1874

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit the weekly New Mexicans of March 3, 10 and 17 containing my advertisements of intention to file with the Register at Santa Fé, on this day the duplicate plats of T. 13 & 13 S. R. 2 E. which plats were filed accordingly and I have the Registers receipts dated today for the same.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James A. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé. New Mexico
April 14. 1874.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustments and settlement the account of Roman A Baca for unexpended balance of his deposits of September 20, 1873 for the subdivision of S. 13 N. R. 7 W. made by Deputy Priest for settlers, together with a statement of the account from the books of this office.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servants,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office.
Santa Fé. New Mexico,
April 14. 1874.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to forward triplicate Transcripts of the Doña Ana Colony grant reported as private land claim No. 85 to be transmitted to Congress under the act of July 22. 1854.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servants.
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
April 1, 1874.

Alexander Brandt, Esq.
Mineral Deputy Surveyor
Silver City, New Mexico.

Sir.

A letter from John A. Miller to the Register of the Land office concerning the survey of the Desideria Lode made and returned by you was referred to this office; and on examining the returns I notice that you state the courses of your lines as run "by the needle" no variation being given. The draughtsman deems this too indefinite to enable him intelligently to map the claim, as the course of the true meridian is not clearly indicated.

You have omitted to mention the material and size of the "monuments" placed at the corners of the survey.

You do not state what in your opinion is the value of the labor and improvements placed upon the claim by the owner, which to entitle to patent must have been not less than $500.

With as little delay as practicable you will furnish me a sworn statement of the facts as to the courses and the monuments, and of your opinion, based upon reliable information, as to the value of the labor and improvements on the claim.

Respectfully
James A. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Gen. Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
April 14, 1874.

George H. Pelham, Esqr.
Silver City New Mexico.

Sir:

Herewith I forward to you as provided for joint manner in the claims, in registered package, a transcripts of the field notes and true plats of the survey of the Sunrise Ledge Star Mine, surveyed in September last, one of which plats it is intended shall be posted upon the claim and the other together with said transcripts be transmitted by the claimants to the Register of the Land Office in pursuance of the mining laws of May 10, and regulations thereunder of June 10, 1872.

Respectfully
James H. Proudfit,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico.
April 14. 1874.

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington D. C.

Sir.

Herewith I have the honor to forward transcripts in triplicate of private land claim represented as No. 88 in the name of the City of Santa Fe. for transmission to Congress under the Act of July 22. 1854.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servants.
James H. Proudfit.
Surveyor General

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Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe. New Mexico
April 18. 1874.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of 6th. inst. enclosing copy of description notes and plat of survey of the Sias Antigua grant in this territory came to hand yesterday.

I have examined the original notes of field notes of the survey on file in this office and feel unable to make the corrections suggested in your letter. I fail to find a discrepancy on course No 2nd and that is unimportant being the difference between N. 40° W. and N. 36° W. affecting seriously the closing of the survey.

The original notes of field notes I have inclosed to you and you will find it inclosed, in case of such a course which I consider to be of any official or otherwise importance, I cannot act in so without your previous advice, least in this case, in which you desire immediate action, I think best to leave the responsibility resting that my actions will meet with your approval.

You will observe that the course admitted on page 6 is N. 36° W. and I call your attention to the manner in which the notes made this figures 4 and 6, in other cases. Please also observe that certain comparts to be the affidavits of the Deputy Surveyor is unattended, without note or comment, by drawing a pen mark over the imperfect words as testimony contained in this notes on pages from 1 to 6. Please also to observe that the certificate of the Surveyor General is not signed by their officer.

These irregularities I cannot explain and as I said before I consider the field notes in official form and returned in duplicate, and subject to the approval of your inspection and from the orders, and also to

a specimen of the crown and records which may serve and deputies have to deal with, in regard to much of the work formerly executed in this district.

Also returns the plats and descriptive notes which I received with your letter of the 6th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James C. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé New Mexico
April 27, 1854.

Hon. Willis Arnauld.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward for transmission to Congress under the act of July 22, 1854, triplicate transcripts in private land claims reported as No. 8 in the name of Gaspar Ortiz.

I am respectfully
Your obedient servant
James C. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
April 30, 1874.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letters of March 4 and April 10, I have the honor to state that, in compliance therewith I have had made and have this day furnished the Register of the Land Office at Santa Fé, sketch maps of all the surveyed private land claims in this district affecting the public lands in subdivided townships, and have also advised him of such subdivided townships as lie entirely within surveyed private claims.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office.
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
May 19, 1874.

Hon. Willis Drummond.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of one copy of U.S. Mining Decisions as mentioned in your letter of 6th. instant.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
May 12, 1874.

Hon. Wm Lewis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of 5th inst. relating to survey of the Los Trigos grant is just received.

I received a letter from you on the same subject dated April 6th which I answered under date of April 15th in which I explained the situation and enclosed the plat and copy of field-notes and also the original field-notes, as I could not explain the discrepancies and rejects.

Hoping that my letter has been received at your office and passed and approved.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proffit
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe New Mexico,
May 13, 1874.

Gentlemen,

I acknowledge the receipt of yours of yesterday requesting an estimate of funds for the survey of the township embracing the town of San Jose on the west bank of the Rio Grande and enjoining the proper proceeding in making deposit of the estimated amount.

According to our map the town is situated in T. 10 S. R. 3 E. which is fractional. The cost of its survey will be about $33.00 and of office work about $15.00 making a total of $48.00.

Whenever either of you shall deposit in this office the certificate in duplicate of the United States

Designated Depositary at Santa Fé, that said $37.50 has been deposited with him to the credit of the U. States on account of surveying the public lands, and that said $7.50 has been so deposited on account of clerk hire in this office, I will proceed to contract with some surveyor for the survey of the land referred to.

Concerning the deposit of the money it is to be borne in mind that an application and a deposit of funds for the survey of land does not give the claimants a preferred claim in the event of an existing adverse one, and that any question arising between different claimants concerning the land will have to be investigated and passed upon by the Register before an entry can be made.

The portion of said $4.50 remaining unapplied and unexpended will be returned to whoever shall have made the deposit as soon as the whole cost of the survey and of the office work is ascertained

Respectfully
James W. Forsyth
Surveyor General.

Mess. Bernardo Chaves
Eugenio Archuleta
Santa Fé,

[The above letter was sent in Spanish and transmitted]

Surveyor Generals office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
May 23, 1874.

Hon Willis Drummond
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith respectively six triplicate private land claims reported as

No. 86 in the name of Colony of Mesilla
No. 89 " " " " Manuel Trujillo
No. 90 " " " " Colony of Refugio

for transmission to Congress under the law of July 22, 1854 establishing this office.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
June 4, 1874,

Hon Commissioner of the General Land office.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following estimate for official postage stamps for the quarter ending September 30, 1874.

150	of the denomination of	3 cents
100	" " " "	6 "
50	" " " "	12 "
50	" " " "	15 "
25	" " " "	24 "
5	" " " "	90 "

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 5, 1874.

Hon Commissioner of the Genral Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith, in obedience to the directions of your letter of January 22, and in addition to those forwarded on the 23rd of February last, seven authenticated skeleton diagrams of township plats found defective in the numbering of fractional lots thereon, the original plats in this office and the triplicates at the Registers having been corrected and made to conform as shown by said skeleton diagrams.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals office,
Santa Fé New Mexico,
June 6. 1874.

Hon. Commissioner of the Genral Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the action of Congress under the act of July 22, 1854, private land claim surveyed as No. 61 in the name of Francisco Montes Vigil for the Town of Alameda tract of land.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe New Mexico,
June 13, 1874.

Hon. Willis Drummond,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith, for transmission to Congress under the act of July 22, 1854, Witticate transcripts of private land claim reported as No. 92, in the name of Ignacio de Roival and Jacinto Pelaez, for the town of Jacona tract of land.

Very respectfully your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
June 15, 1874

Hon. S. S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant with enclosures concerning the Los Trigos grant survey, and will notify the parties in interest as you direct.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office.
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 16, 1874.

Hon. Samuel S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am informed that the draft for $150 for rent of office during the quarter ending March 31, 1874, has never been received by the payee, Mr. Jaramillo, nor his agent here. The draft it appears from the notification to the Designated Depositary at Santa Fé, was drawn upon him April 2nd, but it has never been presented to him for payment, and I presume has been lost in the mails. I am requested by the agent to notify the Department of the facts, and to ask that a duplicate draft be issued, and, as before requested be forwarded to the address of the Second National Bank at this city.

Very respectfully your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 18, 1874.

Hon. Joab Houghton,
Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Sir:

The survey of the Trigos Juriate Land claim, which claim was prosecuted in this office, by Messrs. Smith, Watts & Houghton as attorneys for claimants, has been found at the General Land Office to be defective, and the Commissioner directs me to notify the parties interested that they will be required to deposit a sum sufficient to enable me to send a deputy into the field and make such a survey of the grant as I can approve.

As one of your associate attorneys in the case is dead

and the other is absent from the Territory. I advise you of the matter for your action should you still be representing the owners of the land.

The cost of the field work alone in the former survey was $287.50. The necessary and incidental office work I can have done for about $25.00 and will not require a larger deposit than this sum.

I enclose a copy of the Commissioners letter instructing me as above, and request that should you not now be acting for the parties you advise me at once.

Very Respectfully,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé New Mexico,
June 26, 1874.

Hon. S. S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:~ I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement salary and contingent expense accounts created in this office during the quarter ending June 30, 1874.

Concerning the accounts forwarded for dues I have to say that our books show that while the Congressional appropriation of $6,300 is with them accounts exhausted by $744.90, there is a deposit fund of $746.05 for office work, which, together with the abbreviation, makes the fund available sufficient to pay the accounts in full. The General Land Office in letter of November 3, 1873, informs me that of said deposit fund there remained applicable but $335.22, which I account for by supposing that some of the salary accounts or portions of them forwarded during the year and charged in my books against the abbreviation were paid from the deposit fund which would have the effect of leaving available some of the appropriations of the two years and less of the deposits than my

books show, and between the two sufficient to liquidate in full the accounts now forwarded. I would there not be sufficient however, I ask that the clerical accounts now due me, rendered, and said pro rata.

My books show that of the appropriation of $2000. for contingent expenses there remains available a balance of $272,54. The accounts I now transmit against that fund very nearly exhaust it. There remains a considerable amount of indebtedness, necessarily and I think properly incurred, the accounts and vouchers for which I do not now present for want of funds to liquidate it.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
June 30, 1874.

Hon. Samuel S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to forward the semiannual return of property in this office belonging to the United States on June 30, 1874.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé New Mexico,
July 3, 1874.

Hon. J. S. Emrolt.
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the first instant of your telegram of the 30th ultimo authorizing me to proceed in the letting of contracts for surveying the Public Lands under the appropriation for the fiscal year just commenced, and I herewith forward for your approval contracts

No. 5 with Levi P. Keane,
No. 60 with George A. Nadir and
No. 61 with Griffin & Robbins

should these contracts and No. 58 with Lewis Kingman, transmitted seperately receive your approval I respectfully ask that you telegraph me to that effect, as the deputies are each anxious to proceed to the field as early in the present surveying season as possible.

Very Respectfully your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 3, 1874.

Hon. J. S. Emrolt,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: I herewith I have the honor to forward for your approval Contract No. 58 entered into with Lewis Kingman for the survey of certain Standard parallel, guide meridian and township exterior and subdivisional lines.

Very Respectfully your obt, servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 6th 74.

Hon. J. A. Burdett
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: In my letter of the 3d. inst. transmitting surveying contracts I inadvertantly omitted to comply with the requirements of the letter from your office of July 16, 1873.

Messrs. Griffin, Road, Deane and Kingman are known to your office, are surveyors of learning, and standing and experience. Mr. Robbins, the partner of Mr. Griffin served last year as Chainman under Mr. Deane in this District, and is a young man, of first rate qualifications and character and a well educated surveyor. I am fully satisfied that the work he does will be honest and correct. He is authorized to refer to Senator Howe of Wisconsin.

Very Respectfully your obdt. servt,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico
July 8th 1874.

Hon. J. A. Burdett
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo directing me to return to the General Land Office the original field notes, the transcript of same and the plat of the survey of the Las Trigos grant, an appeal in the case to the Hon. Secretary of the Interior having been filed in the General Land Office; and I herewith transmit the same. In pursuance of the instructions of your letter of the 5th ultimo, I on the 8th notified Judge Houghton of Mora,

for the parties claimant under said grant. That they were required to make a deposit of funds sufficient to have a correct survey of the grant executed. I'll the 23rd I received from the Attorney his answer dated the 20th. an authenticated copy of which I now enclose.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
James C. Fitzpatrick,
Surveyor-General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
May 5th, 1891.

Wm. A. J. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to request that you cause to be transmitted for the use of this office two reams of paper suitable

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
James C. Fitzpatrick,
Surveyor-General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
May 11th, 1891.

Hon. W. A. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: — I respectfully request that if an edition of the "United States Official Register" later than the one last published by this office — that for 1891 — has been issued, a copy of the same be sent me to be kept as public property in the office.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
James C. Fitzpatrick,
Surveyor-General.

[Telegram]

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico
July 16, 1874.

Hon. S. S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Letter seventh received, Contracts let dated second, mailed fourth, according to telegram June 30, We guarantee no deficiency accounts, please approve contracts by telegraph.

J. K. Proudfit,
S. S. Elkins.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé New Mexico.
July 17. 1874.

Hon. S. S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: — I have the honor to acknowledge receipt last evening at 8. 15' of your telegram of the 14 Th inst. approving Contracts of deputies Levi P. Drake, George H. Pratt and Griffin & Robbins, numbered respectively 59, 60 and 61, and dated June 2. 1874. The deputies desire you to accept their thanks for telegraphing as the surveying season was so rapidly passing away and I also join with them.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé New Mexico,
July 18, 1874.

Hon. S. S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:~

I have the honor to state that I find that in contract No 59 of the 2d instant with Levi P. Drake, transmitted with my letter of the 3rd, there is an error where it provides for the subdivision of "fractional T. 5 N. R. 22, 23 & 24 E." It should be and is in the retained contract, and in that to be furnished the Comptroller, "fractional T. 9 N. R. 22, 23 & 24 E." Please return the contract mentioned, and substitute for it the one I herewith forward for the purpose

Very respectfully your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Comms rejy Letter &c rec'd.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 18, 1874.

Hon. S. C. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:~ I have the honor to submit estimates for the surveying service in this district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876.

For Salary of Surveyor General	3.000
" " " Translator & Disp Clerk	2,000
" " " two draughtsmen	3,000
" " " six clerks	9,000
	$17,000
For incidental expenses	3,000
" purchase of office safe and furniture	5,000 "
For surveys of Public Land	120,000

For surveys of confirmed private land claims 30,000

I wish to say in support of these estimates a few words in truth and soberness. The estimate for salary of draughtsmen and clerks is believed to be proper considering the work which ought to be done. Apart from the absolutely necessary current service in case of the more rapid prosecution of the surveys, I do most sincerely hope that we shall be allowed funds sufficient to bring up the records of the office in regard to Spanish and Mexican private land grants. The fact seems to have been lost sight of that the clerical force of this office ought always to have been much larger than that of an office which only superintends public surveys. My own time is very largely devoted to duties connected with private land claims, indeed more than half my labor and study is in regard to those matters. The clerical force has been entirely inadequate to the work during the past year and much work has been done during that period at private expense which is believed to be in derogation of the eighth article of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. Apart from this trouble in regard to current work the records of the office are years behind and not in such condition as is proper for archives of such vast importance to the Government and citizens. After the work is once brought up a much smaller annual appropriation for the purpose will suffice. The appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, will not be sufficient for current work and we shall be worse off then than now.

I ask for means to procure office furniture proper for the safety of the archives and records, for the comfort of employees and the good appearance of the office. The office has never been furnished as it should be. The archives in regard to private land claims are especially of vast importance and value and are constantly in danger of destruction by fire, being kept in common wooden cases. Their loss would be almost irreparable. The desk and chair that I have used for a year past is my own private property, and what office furniture there is is inconvenient, rickety and dilapidated to the last degree. I desire to procure a large fire proof safe for the archives and to furnish the office substantially and economically. For this purpose I estimate five thousand dollars, thinking it will be none too much in view of the great expense of transportation. All goods used are so expensive for the same reason that

I request Five Thousand dollars as an amount necessary for rent, stationary, fuel, boxes, instruments, lights, Portarage, express, telegraphing &c.

In regard to amount for Public surveys, I can do no better than to urge the same reasons which I have heretofore done, and respectfully refer to my annual reports of October 7th 1872 and August 15th 1873. All the reasons then given still exist and gain force as time passes away. The demand for surveys is increasing and increasing and large grantees of the Public domain may be dishonored if it is not surveyed and placed in market.

In regard to surveys of Private land claims, I have estimated $5000 in the hope that government will return to the practice as it existed previous to 1862. In regard to this matter I wish to respectfully refer to my reports above mentioned and to my letter of Nov. 26, 1872 to your office.

I enclose herewith letter of Hon S. B. Elkins of even date herewith in relation to the estimates and which I ask may be considered as a part of this communication.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Santa Fé New Mexico
July 18, 1874.

Hon. S. S. Burdett.
Commissioner Genl. Land Office,

Sir: — Referring to the estimate of Genl. J. K. Proudfit Surveyor General of New Mexico for the year ending June 30, 1876, which I have just read, I beg to submit the following in connection therewith for your consideration.

1st. From my own personal knowledge derived from close contact with the office as a practicing attorney for years, I can state with positive certainty that the work of the office is much behind and never can be brought up unless a larger clerical force is provided. This large amount of work is induced by the fact that the Surveyor General under existing laws has the custody and adjudication of the Spanish and Mexican land grants

all of which are deposited in his office.

2d I fully agree with the estimate for office furniture and safe. The fact is without a suitable safe there is no kind of security for the archives and public documents.

3rd. In respect to the estimate for extending the public surveys I desire to say that the appropriations have always been too small. But a very small part of the public lands have been surveyed and heretofore owing to Indian hostilities only the public lands nearest the settlements have been surveyed. Since 1870 Indian hostilities have been practically subdued and some of the best portions of the Territory both east and west of the Rio Grande have been opened to settlement, and there is great complaint that owing to there being no surveys there is no way to obtain titles. The Territory is fast settling up immigration is pouring in from every quarter and it is indispensably necessary that the public surveys should be extended so that new settlers may obtain titles. The agitation of the State question has also given an increased impetus to immigration. It will also be remembered that five lines of railways are under construction and pointing towards New Mexico. Three of the lines approach the Territory from the north east and are within 90 miles from our borders and will pass through the best portion of the whole country. This fact should also be taken into consideration in making the estimates. It is believed by the year 1876 New Mexico will receive an accession to her population of at least fifty thousand people mostly stock growers and farmers and all will need land and farms.

4th. The private land claims or Spanish grants will embrace about 6,000,000 acres of land, and under the Treaty there seems to be no doubt but that the United States are obliged to survey these grants at the public expense, and I believe the bill now pending in the House will pass authorizing the surveys to be made in this way. If so the estimate made by Genl. Pratt is very proper and reasonable.

The records of your office will show that notwithstanding New Mexico has for years had the largest population

of any other Territory in the Union and has now, yet the appropriations for surveys have been smaller than almost any other. I beg your attention to the Census of 1870 and the appropriations made since and before that time to the Territory, to convince you that New Mexico has not fared justly in this branch of the public service.

I therefore respectfully urge and request that the estimate made by Genl. Pronchin be approved.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
S. B. Elkins.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
July 18, 1882.

Hon. C. Delano
Commissioner
United States Land Office.

Sir:

1. Your contract No. 59 of the 2d instant having been approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office you are authorized, after having first carefully tested your chain with the standard used in this office, to proceed in the execution of your contract, which instrument requires that you will

Establish the first Correction line N. from the corner to R. 25 + 26 E. through T. 26.

Establish the N. + E. boundaries of T. 5. 6. + 7 and the E. boundaries of T. 8. N. 25 E. and the E. boundaries of T. 4 N. R 25 + 26 E.

Subdivide T. 6, 7 + 8 N. R. 24 E. T. 5, 6, 7, 8 + 9 N. R. 25 E. and fractional T. 9 N R. 22, 23 + 24 E. and

Close such of said lines upon the Beck and Perea grant surveys as shall intersect them and will

Reestablish such portion or portions of said grant surveys if any and such lines of the public survey if any as may be found obliterated or destroyed.

2d. All of which work is to be executed and returned to this office on or before the first day of February next.

3.— The Commissioner of the General Land Office under date of April 9 and July 24, 1873 prescribes certain requirements additional to those of the printed Manual for the execution and return of public surveys. The following extracts therefrom are furnished for your government and guidance:

[For extract from instructions of April 9 see quotation on pages 366 and 367 of letters sent book.]

"In addition to the manner of establishing corners of public surveys by mounds of earth with deposits at the corner, deputy surveyors are required to drive in the center of one of the pits at each section and township corner, sawed or hewed stakes not less than two inches square and two feet in length, said stakes to be marked in the manner prescribed in the Manual for marking corner posts, and to be driven one foot in the ground. At corners common to four townships or sections the stakes are to be driven in the pit south-east of the mound, and at corners common to two townships or sections they are to be driven in the pit east of the corner. This requirement does not apply to quarter section corners."

4.— "You are herewith furnished descriptive plats of the public and private surveys with which your work will be connected to enable you to find and identify the corners of those surveys when necessary.

5.— [Same as third paragraph on page 368. of said book]

6.— [Same as fifth paragraph on same page and book]

7.— You have been furnished with a copy of the Manual of Surveying Instructions by the requirements of which you will be governed in all things consistent with the instructions of April 9 and July 24 hereinbefore quoted.

Respectfully your obedient servant

James K. Proudfit,

Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 18, 1874.

Messrs. Griffin & Robbins,
United States deputy surveyors.

Gentlemen:— Your contract No. 61 having been approved by the Commissioner of the General Land office - you are authorized after having first tested your chain with the standard yard in this office, to proceed in the execution of your contract, which instrument requires that you will survey and establish the subdivisional lines of T. 1, 2, 3 & 4 N. of the Base Line of R. 22, 23, 24 & 25 E. of the Principal Meridian, and will execute and return the work on or before the first day of February next.

[For extract from instructions of April 9 see quotation on pp. 366 and 367 Letters sent book]

[Same as paragraph commencing, "In addition to the manual" on page 488 this book]

You are herewith furnished descriptive plats of the townships you are to subdivide to be returned to this office with your notes with the interior topography added to illustrate your field-notes

[Same as 3d paragraph on page 368 same book]

[Same as fifth paragraph same page and book]

You have been furnished a copy of the Manual of Surveying Instructions, by the requirements of which you will be governed in all things consistent with the instructions of April 9 and July 24 hereinbefore quoted.

Respectfully your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 18, 1874.

George A. Frost Esq.
United States Deputy Surveyor.

Sir:— Your contract No. 60 of the 2d instant having been approved by the Commissioner of the General Land office, you are authorized, after having first carefully tested your chain with the standard yard in this office, to proceed to the execution of your contract which instrument requires that you will

Extend and establish the fifth Correction line North from the corner to R 24 + 25 E. and the sixth Correction line N. from the corner to R. 32 + 33 E. to the E. boundary of New Mexico in R. 34 E. duly closing said Correction lines on said boundary,

Establish the Guide Meridian between R. 31 + 32 E. from the fifth to the sixth Correction line North,

Establish the N. + E. boundaries of T. 21, 22 + 23 and the E. boundaries of T. 24 N. of R. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 32 + 33 E. and the N. boundaries of T, 21, 22 + 23 N. R. 31 E. and

Subdivide such one of the townships embraced in said work as you shall deem most suitable and proper to subdivide

All of which work is to be executed and returned to this office on or before the first day of February next.

The Commissioner of the General Land office under date of April 9 and July 24. 73, prescribes certain requirements additional to those of the printed Manual for the execution and return of public surveys. The following extracts therefrom are furnished for your government and guidance:

[For extracts from instructions of April 9 see quotation on pp. 366 and 367 Letters sent book]

[Same as paragraph commencing "In addition to Manual" on page 368 this book]

You are herewith furnished a descriptive plat

of the lines and corners of the executed surveys contiguous to your work and with which the latter is to be connected on the ground- also the exact boundary of the Territory with which you are to connect.

[Same as third paragraph page 368 said book]
[Same as fourth paragraph same page and book]
[Same as fifth paragraph same page and book]

You have been furnished with a copy of the Manual of Surveying Instructions by the requirements of which you will be governed in all things consistent with the instructions of April 9 and July 24 hereinbefore quoted.

Respectfully your obedient servant,

James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
July 24, 1874.

Lewis Kingman Esq.
United States Deputy Surveyor

Sir:— Your contract No. 18 of the 2d instant having been approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office you are authorized, after having first tested your chain with the standard yard in this office to proceed to the execution of your contract which instrument requires that you will survey and establish

The 6th Correction line North through R. 24. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 E.

The 7th Correction line North through R. 30, 31, 32 E.

The Guide Meridian between R. 31 & 32 E. from the 6th to the 7th Correction line North,

The N. . . boundaries of T. 25, 26, & 27 N. R. 31 E. and

The subdivisional lines of T. 25 & 26 N. R. 24 E. and such other two of the townships whose exteriors you establish as you shall deem most suitable and proper to subdivide.

All of which work is to be executed and returned to this office on or before the first day of April next.

* The N. & E. boundaries of T. 25, 26, 27 N. R. 28, 29, 30 & 32 E.
The E. boundaries of T. 25, 26, 27 N. R. 28, 29, 30 & 32 E.

The Commissioner of the General Land office under date of April 9 and July 24, 1873 prescribed certain requirements additional to those of the printed Manual for the execution and return of Public surveys. The following extracts therefrom are furnished for your government and guidance:-

[For extracts from instructions of April 9 see quotation on pgs 366 and 367 of letters sent book]

[Same as paragraph commencing "In addition to Manual" on page 488 this book]

[Here insert the last three paragraphs on page 368 in this book]

You have been furnished with a copy of the Manual of Surveying Instructions by the requirements of which you will be governed in all things consistent with the instructions of April 9 and July 24 hereinbefore quoted.

As the established work with which your present surveys connects was done by you so recently in the field, you are presumed to be familiar with the localities and descriptions of the corners fixed and can easily find and identify all such corners, and you have still in your possession for inform me the rough field-notes describing them - wherefore no descriptive plats are furnished you. Nevertheless you will prepare and hand in with your notes topographical diagrams of townships you subdivide, the exterior boundaries of no one of which are as yet established all round.

Respectfully your obedient servant,

James K. Proudfit,

Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé New Mexico,
July 29th 1874.

Hon. J. C. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:- I wish to call your attention to a small deficiency account for Public surveying in this district arising under the contracts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874.

I submitted the same to your predecessor in a letter dated Feby. 8th, 1874, with enclosures, and received reply dated March 2nd 1874, to both of which I respectfully refer. I also wish to refer to my letter to your office dated Jany. 6. 1874, in relation to account of Deputy Surveyor H. Pradt and reply dated Jany. 29th 1874, in regard to the same.

I submit deficiency account for fiscal year ending June 30th, 1874 as follows.

For Louis Kingman	contract No.	53	$ 305.28
" L. P. Drake	"	" 55	119.28
" H. H. Pradt	"	" 56	260.10
			$ 684.66

To you will please from the correspondence referred to above that this deficiency did not arise for any want of proper care on my part but solely on account of unlooked for, but necessary work, which was faithfully performed. I trust you will submit the same, with your approval to the coming session of Congress.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proctor
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office.
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
July 30, 1874.

Hon. S. S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:- Herewith I have the honor to transmit for the action of Congress under the statute of July 22, 1854, the transcripts in triplicate of Private Land Claims reported as

No. 93, in the name of Antonio C. Armenta et al,
No. 94, in the name of Vernal and Lopez,

acted upon by me under said law respectively on the 30th ultimo and 13 instant.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe New Mexico,
July 31, 1874.

Hon. Columbus Delano,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am advised by the Hon. Commissioner of the General Land Office that, to obtain a copy of the last Official Register for the use of this office, application should be made direct to your department, and I have the honor now to make such application.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
August 3, 1874.

Hon. S. S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:— I have the honor to inclose, duly approved for payment, the account of Robert Beall for two maps of field notes paper received with your letter of the 23d ultimo.

Very respectfully your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
August 12, 1874.

Hon. S. S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant and of the patent therewith dated July 30, 1874, in favor of the legal representatives of Carlos de Herrera for certain private land claim confirmed as No. 10 by the act of Congress June 21, 1860.

I have this day delivered the said patent to Rt. Revt. John Lamy, Bishop of the Diocese of New Mexico, as the sole legal representative of said de Herrera, and herewith inclose copy of this receipt, original retained on file.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
August 20, 1874.

Hon. S. S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:- As I am not advised of what amounts have been paid by order of the General Land Office from the Congressional appropriation for clerks for the last fiscal year and what amounts from the special deposits for office work, I respectfully request that you inform me what balances remained unexpended at the close of the fiscal year of those funds respectively.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
August 21, 1874.

Hon. S. S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: I herewith transmit certified bill of Johnson & Koch of this city for stationery, $[illegible].

I purchased it on my own responsibility some months ago that being the only manner in which I could keep the office supplied under the appropriation.

The goods as so procured are cheaper by far than I could have obtained them here in small lots. With the increased appropriation for incidentals during the current year I hope to be able to get along without having to resort to this expedient again.

Hoping the transaction will meet your approval.

I am Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico
August 22, 1874.

Hon. C. C. Duvall,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir. In view of the probability that a large amount of writing will be required during the current fiscal year in this office, in preparing and copying papers in Spanish and Mexican land grant cases, as heretofore, in triplicate for transmission to your office, and the inadequacy of the appropriation for clerk hire in this office, to accomplish that work in addition to the ordinary labor of clerks and draughtsmen, necessary to the surveying service, I wish to inquire if it is proper for me to allow grant papers to be copied by outsiders or should I require a deposit of funds for the purpose and cause the work to be done myself in the office. Or in any or either case would such work be proper to report as deficiency for necessary clerk hire?

Grant owners insist that this work should be done at Government expense but it will be an impossibility to do this year to any extent. Unless some plan is devised that cost of work will have to be practically suspended for the year.

I write a number of patents issued grants themselves last year. Is there any fund, contingent or other, out of which you could allow them to be paid? and can you do so this year?

I have no doubt under the provisions of the eighth Article of the the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo that the United States ought to pay this expense.

I write this with a desire to promote the public service so far as possible, also wishing to avoid causing a deficiency or doing any other act for which I might be liable to censure. The matter I address you is of great importance to many good citizens of the territory and especially those grant owners whose money means is small and they will be very grateful if you can afford any relief to them.

I am very respectfully your obedient servant,
James K. Proffit,
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fe New Mexico,
August 31st 68.

Hon. Samuel C. Pomeroy
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D. C.

Sir: — I have the honor to state — The Surveyor General being absent for a few days from the city — that the office will not probably require, for the ensuing quarter, any official stamps additional to those on hand.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
Dav. J. Miller,
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fe N. Mex.
September 30, 68

Hon Samuel C. Pomeroy
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit for settlement salary and incidental vouchers account of this office for the quarter ending the 30th instant.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
Wm. Pelham
Surveyor General

Quartermaster General's
Office, New Mexico
September 28, 1864.

Col. M. Whitney
Asst. Quartermaster

Dear Sir: — Upon letter of Cook contract is referred.

The Quartermaster General not having been yet confirmed by act of Congress, I am not authorized to take action as to his army at this time. If it should be confirmed by Congress — as I presume it will be — any succeeding will be obliged to make the ultimate decision. Until then I think it would be unlawful.

Very respectfully,
Your ob't Servt
Jno. C. Pemberton
Lt. Quartermaster General.

Quartermaster's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
September 28, 1864.

Lieut. Col. Irving Hunt
Asst. Adjt. Gen.
Sir: — I have the honor to the Secretary of War directing that all is necessary to be done for me in this office upon my ruining claims not named in note of Secretary of which copies be returned, was referred by him to me & I instant.

Estimate for each of the Navajo $—, the protection demands to be discussed with the Secretary at Santa Fe. & the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, the requisite balances if any, to be refunded in N.C. draft to the order of the Secretary of War.

Respectfully
Your obt. servant,
Jno. C. Pemberton
Quartermaster General.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
September 26, 1874.

Wm. M. Blackmore
Esq.

Sir:— Your letter of last year Sept. 17, 1873, in regard to the location of Ochoa Grant is just at hand, and contents noted.

It is doubtless true that you know more about the foregoing and its nature than I do, I beg to say to you that I know nothing as to its size. You say you are at a loss to know how I arrived at its extent. I wish to say that when a grantee or claimant brings a grant before me, the law requires a sketch map to be filed, with approximate dimensions. In the case now under consideration such a sketch map and estimate was furnished by grantees in interest, or their representatives, and whether false or true, I have no knowledge.

It is utterly immaterial whether as you assert the owners or other grantees in interest wish to adhere to their own estimate or not. When the grant is surveyed if ever, it will doubtless be done according to law. It is utterly unimportant for you to attempt to give this office any information about the size of the grant because until after it is confirmed by Congress it cannot be officially surveyed or its contents established. It may then be surveyed officially but not before. Please remember that the sketch map and estimate, same as any such estimates as owners or claimants were required to have before me, I know nothing of them and shall not regard them, as being too great or too small if I am ever called upon to make an official survey of the property. All the papers in the case, except my opinion, were furnished and filed by claimant, including the map of which you complain. If the case is false and fraudulent, I hope you will let me know at once, as

that I may examine the matter and forward it's confirmation by Congress.

If the grant contains much more land than the amount claimed at the outset I have been very greatly imposed upon, and under the circumstances Congress is the only power capable of reducing the grant to it's proper dimensions, at your instantiment suggestion I will recommend to Congress that the grant be not confirmed for a greater amount than the 184,320 acres, claimed by the fronties who brought the case before me.

The case was brought before me by Chas Ellison Esq. attorney at law of this city, whom I regard as an honest man and careful in his estimates. He claims to know the property well and for further information I refer you to him.

I am Respectfully
James K. Proffit
U.S. Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
October 1, 1874.

E. Robertson Esq.
Savannah New Jersey

Sir:— Your letter of the 21st ultimo is at hand— No cases of double surveys have been entered as yet, over the Beaubien and Miranda Grant. The funds for public surveying in this fiscal year being exhausted no further work can be done on this district until after June 30. 1875

I am Respectfully
James K. Proffit
Surveyor General.

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Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé. New Mexico,
August 22nd 1874.

Hon. S. S. Burdett
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D. C.

Sir:—

I respectfully ask leave of absence for sixty days. I desire to leave about October 1st next, to visit my parents home at Madison, Wis. on important private business, and on account of my health, which has not been good during the last two months. I am now under the care of a physician, and have been for some time past, although not so ill as to be entirely off duty.

If my request is granted I will leave the office in charge of my Chief Clerk, Mr. Dan. L. Miller, who is thoroughly competent, and he will take charge strictly, in accordance with circular on file in regard to such cases.

I ask for sixty days because more than two weeks will be occupied by continuous travel and the remaining time on a leave of thirty days would not be sufficient for me to accomplish what I desire.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
James C. Fraser.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office.
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
October 10. 1874

Hon. S. S. Burdett.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington D. C.

Sir:— I have the honor to state that availing myself of the thirty days leave of absence granted

me in your letter of the 8th ultimo. I have been on the coast of Texas for the east, leaving the office and its routine affairs in charge of Mr. Miller chief clerk according to my letter of August 22, asking leave of absence.

Trusting that I shall receive the additional thirty days which the Hon. Secretary of the Interior authorizes you to grant, I now respectfully ask the same, and if allowed I request that I be advised thereof at Madison, Wisconsin, care of Hon. Aaron Torrey.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit.
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office.
Santa Fé. New Mexico.
October 10, 1874.

Hon J. D. Bmatt.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington D.C.

Sir:- I acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 23rd and 26th ultimo, the former returning to this office for investigation as to boundaries the plat of the survey of the Cañon del Agua Private land claim No. 76 and the latter the plat of the survey of the San Pedro Private land claim No. 4.

As to the Cañon del Agua survey, I find that there is on file a quantity of written original testimony taken in May, 1866, by direction of Surveyor General Clark as appears from the report thereof made to him May 10th. 1866, and also some additional testimony taken in August and filed by the Deputy in the field executing the survey all concerning the boundaries of this claim.

As to the San Pedro survey I also find on file a quantity of testimony likewise taken and returned by direction of General Clark, all concerning the boundaries of this claim.

It is not clear that any of this testimony

was not communicated to the General Land office; that taken in May having been intended only for the use of the Surveyor General in directing and that taken in August for the use of the Deputy in executing those surveys understandingly and duly. I transmit herewith an authenticated copy of all the testimony and of the report referred to, the transcript embracing also some additional testimony hereinafter mentioned as just taken.

In this connection (as to boundaries) I refer for a full explanation of the situation and of the reasons for making the respective surveys as they were executed to the Special instructions of Surveyor General Clark to the Deputy of August 9, 1866, copy forwarded to the General Land Office Octo. ber 23. 1866. and to the explanation of the Dep. uty appended to his field notes of the respective surveys, transcripts forwarded to the General Land office on said 23rd of October.

Surveyor General Clark seems to have been most in doubt in regard to the set of boundaries assigned in the monuments to the Cañon del Agua Tract, concerning which he authorized and directed the Deputy as follows in his Special instructions to him of August 9. "If in the survey you find the courses given incompatible with the relative positions of the land marks, and that in taking the landmarks without reference to the courses you can trace the survey, you will disregard the latter and be guided by the former". The Deputy in a statement at the end of his notes of the survey reports as follows, "I found the courses given incompatible with the relative positions of the land marks given as boundaries, which are permanent and unchangable, and that in taking the land-marks without reference to the courses I could trace the survey. I therefore disregarded the instructions disregarded the latter and was

"printed by the former".

Having no means of determining from the record the locations of the "natural objects called for as a boundary on the south of the acquisition to Cañada Pinos" I remitted the matter to the gentleman acting here as agent of the owners of the claim, and he thereupon appeared before me and I examined under oath witness to establish, as directed by you, the localities of the Lagunitas de los Indios and the Loma de los Tramontes, the points named in the additional league grant, and I transmit copy of the testimony of those witnesses taken on the 8th and 9th. instant. This testimony is valuable mainly as showing the reason for the Deputy's locating and surveying the additional league at the east end of the south boundary of the Cañada Pinos tract under his special instruction of August 9, which required him to locate it on the south "boundary" west in the direction of the Lagunitas de los Indios, and the Loma de los Tramontes", and which "League" could not in any event extend south more than 3 or 4 miles from said boundary.

If you and the record Surveyor General Clarke differ before him and from his special approval of the field notes and the plats, it would seem that he was satisfied with the survey of the Cañada del Agua, of the Cañada Pinos and of the Additional League grants as then executed, under his administration; and after examining the record and the testimony there taken I see no reason for differing with him in his conclusion thereupon.

The taking of the further testimony contemplated by your letters of the 23rd and 26th. ultimo seems to be obviated by that already taken and now for the first time furnished the General Land Office, all of which I respectfully submit and await your further action.

I herewith retransmit the two plats forwarded to me with your said letters of that month.

Very respectfully your obedient servant

Louis T. Pfeiffer. C. in. Chf.

Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
October 24, 1874.

Hon. C. C. Bennett
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D. C.

Sir: — I have the honor herewith to transmit, by direction of the Surveyor General and in obedience to your letter of the 12th. instant, a duly certified copy of the original decision of the Surveyor General on file in this office in Private Land Claim No. 41, in the name of Pablo Montoya, deceased.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
Dav. J. Miller,
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico
October 29th, 1874.

Hon. W. A. Phillips
Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington D. C.

Sir:- I have the honor to return to you the enclosed letter from the "acting Commissioner" to the Surveyor General, dated the 24th inst. requiring me to show for the reason that the letter is not signed and that the status and schedule of claims is not enclosed, therewith did not accompany it: under the circumstances I retain the letter of the 24th inst. as the duplicate of the letter to return the same to you for such further action as may be deemed proper.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dav J. Miller
Chief Clerk

United States Land Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
October 31, 1854.

Wm. C. C. Bennett
Examiner of the General Land Office.
Washington D.C.

Sir:- I have the honor herewith to transmit duplicate certificate of location of #41, made with Lt. Reynolds Lieutenant Engineers at Santa Fé, by David E. Easley for office room situated in the County of Santa Fé Territory

I am respectfully your obedient servant
Jas. L. Miller,
Surveyor Gen.

United States Land Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico
November 1, 1854

Wm. C. C. Bennett,
Examiner of the General Land Office,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt to day of your letter of 20th ultimo & the Commissioner General Instructions, with schedule of claims in the vicinity of the Pueblo of the Pecos, Galisteo Santa Fé and Taos Grants in this Territory.

I am respectfully
your obedient servant
Jas. L. Miller,
Surveyor Gen.

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Surveyor-Generals Office,
Santa Fe. New Mexico,
January 5, 1875.

Hon Edmund C. Barrett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington D.C.

Sir:— I have examined as directed by you, the relation of Lots 3 and 6 and the S.E. ¼ of S.W. ¼ of section 22 of T. 13 N. R. 6 E. which report is the Baca Location survey No six in this district, and find that each of said subdivisions, according to the notes and field notes sent, does lie within the location for the grater part, respectively.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fe. New Mexico,
November 16. 1874.

Hon S. S. Burdett
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington. D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Surveyor General, I have the honor to transmit by this mail herewith the authenticated transcripts of field notes and the plats and surveys and approved account of subsistence & Office work under their Contract No 61 of July 2. 1874.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dan. J. Miller,
Chief Clerk.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico
November 11, 1874.

Hon. W. A. Pratt
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor herewith to transmit for your approval Contract and Bond of this date No. 62, same date, with Levi P. Kraxe, for the subdivision of Townships 6, 7 and 8 N. of Range 24 east in this district.

When the rough draft of Contract and bond No. 59 of the second of July last with Mr. Kraxe was forwarded by me intended to be incorporated into that contract it embraced Three townships to be subdivided Thereunder, but in the contract as finally signed and transmitted they were inadvertently omitted.

The sum of the bond of contract No. 59 $14,076, double the estimated cost of the work contracted for $7038. is about $3000 too large without Three townships and is specially liable any estimate including them. This discrepancy is now there is a manifest error in the contract.

The omission was discovered about the time Deputy Kraxe took the field in July last, whereupon I authorized him verbally to proceed with the execution of the contract with that understanding and ~~with~~ the survey of said omitted townships 6, 7, and 8 N. R. 24 E. would make with him a supplemental contract covering that work, and assured him that I did not doubt its approval by the Hon. Commissioner when a statement of the facts, the whole Congressional appropriation having been placed at my disposal for the letting of contracts by his letter of July 7 last.

Deputy Kraxe has accordingly made and returned to this office the plats of the subdivision of said T. 6, 7, 8 N. R. 24 E. and I respectfully ask the approval of said plats for time contract 62 covering that work.

The entire work including this contract will not exceed, (and was in fact included in the estimates of) the cost of the work under Deputy Kraxes said contract No. 59

except as will be explained in the letter transmitting his work

Very respectfully your obedient servant
James K Proctor
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office.
Santa Fé, New Mexico
November 16. 1874.

Hon. S. S. Burdett.
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to transmit by this mail. the Plats of field-notes, the Plats and the accounts for work of Deputy Levi P. Grace under his Contract No. 59 of Sept 2 1874 and under his contract No. 62 with accounts for which latter Contract was explained in my letter of the 11th Inst. pro time of November 11 th instant forwarding it for your approval.

The cost of Deputy Graces work was somewhat greater than it was supposed it would be, owing, first, to the position of the south boundary of the Beck grant survey being found to be 40 chains further north than Deputies Pelham & Clements represented and the consequent running of nearly seven miles more section lines; second to the necessity of reestablishing that boundary and the mile closings upon the mile monuments along it; and third to the extra length (shown on the Plats) of lines closing upon the Second Correction line north. It will be seen that, with the exception of this extra work (which was unforseen and therefore not estimated for) my estimate was nearly correct for the whole work contemplated in Contract No. 59 including the three townships now provided for in contract 62 nunc pro tunc, and that the unforseen cost is scarcely enough to render less obvious the explanation given in my letter of November 11 of the necessity and propriety of said nunc pro tunc contract No. 62 providing

for the subdivision of said T. 6, S. 28 N. R. 24 E. inadvertantly omitted in contract No. 59.

As the whole cost of the work contemplated by the five contracts (Nos. 58, 59, 60, 61 and 62) under the Congressional appropriation of $30,000 is now very nearly ascertained, it is found that the appropriation will not be exhausted by about $165.

Believing that, with the explanations given here and in my letter of November 11, you will have no objection to approving said contract No. 62, nunc pro tunc, and to the end that in this event there may be no cause for delay in the settlement of Deputy Drake's account, I have forwarded to the Comptroller both Contracts Nos. 59 and 62 mentioning to him that the latter awaits your approval.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

James A. Williamson.

Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November. 18, 1874.

Wm. Robert. W. Taylor,

First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Sir:- I have the honor herewith to transmit, by direction of the Surveyor General, for the use of your office, certain surveying Contracts, to wit: that of Lewis Kingman No. 58, of Levi P. Drake Nos. 59 and 62, of Reyes H. Gracia No. 60 and of Griffin & Robbins No. 61 all of date June 2, 1874, and approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, except No. 62 nunc pro tunc which is of date November 11. 1874, not yet so approved, but transmitted now, so that if approved then may be no cause for delay in the settlement of Contractor Drakes account.

Very respectfully your obedient servant

Wm. E. Miller

Chief Clerk

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November 18. 1874.

Hon. A. A. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:— I have the honor to transmit in separate rolls the transcript of field-notes and plats and herewith the account for work of Deputy George H. Pradt for surveys executed and returned by him under Contract No. 60 of July 2. 1874.

In explanation of Deputy Pradts failure to "connect" with the Texas boundary as contemplated by his contract I have to state that there was no descriptive field-notes of that boundary in this office to furnish him when he went to the field to enable him to find and identify the monuments along that boundary. He reports however in a note at the end of his standard line fieldnotes that after diligent and careful search for the monuments or any of them he was unable to find any trace thereof.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November, 20, 1874

Hon. A. A. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Sir: I have the honor to transmit to-day authenticated and approved by the Surveyor General, in two packages the transcript of field-notes and the plats; and herewith the account for work, of Deputy Levi Kingman, under his contract No. 58 of the second of July last.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
Dav. J. Miller,
Chief Clerk

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
November 27, 1874.

Hon. W. A. Pradt,
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir:- I have the honor to report in reply to the letter of the Surveyor General of August 20, last on the subject of accounts. The motive for the report will be seen by reference to this letter of June 26. Forwarding the accounts for the last quarter in the fiscal year.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
Wm. G. Miller,
Surv. Gen.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
November 27, 1874.

Hon. W. A. Pradt,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to transmit herewith Certificates of Survey of this date of 8-0, each, in the name of C. F. Romero for office use incidental to the survey of the mining claims known respectively as the Nuevo Mina and the Socorro Mine in Grant county in this Territory

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
Wm. G. Miller,
Surv. Gen.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé New Mexico
November 30, 1874.

Hon. W. A. Pradt
Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Sir: The body of letter the same as letter of June 26 1874 pages 52 of this book

Very respectfully your obedient servant.
Wm. G. Miller
Surv. Gen.

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Surveyor General's Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
December 3, 1874.

Alexander Brand, Esq.
Mineral Deputy Surveyor.

Sir:— The office is in receipt on October 24 of the field notes of your survey of the Wm Gregor mine and on November 27, 1874, of those of the survey of the Summit and the Venus mines, all of which are liable to objections which in the absence of the Surveyor General I will here indicate.

The Wm Gregor survey of which I enclose a sketch made from your note needs explanation. The traverse is unable to determine from the data whether the shaft whence you commence the survey is identical with the shaft mentioned on the line running S. 4, 0 E. from the adobe house of Casey and Wm Gregor. If there is but one shaft there cannot be some error in the course or measurement of lines; if there are two then that line does not connect with any object described in the survey and is valueless.

The direction of the vein or lode governing the general bearing and configuration of the claims is not given and must be stated.

The description of topography is insufficient to enable the draughtsman to make from the note any correct representation of the same. The note of survey should always be accompanied with a sketch of connected topography showing everything in connection with the survey of the claim as fully and as clearly as possible.

It is required by the regulations that the surveyor adhere strictly to the boundaries stated in the original location of the claim when he comes to survey it all amendments, proceedings here, at the Register's, and at the General Land Office bring of necessity upon the original location, the rights of the claimants being in fact defined and limited thereby, and the

recognition and establishment by the surveyor of any other boundaries than those named in such original location, being forbidden by the regulations of the General Land Office. Hence you see the necessity and propriety of always requiring and you will in all cases require that the claimants furnish you a duly certified copy of the original record of location, which you will copy in or append to your field-notes in determining the size and figure of your survey of the claim. This record will embody also the name of the locator or locators, the size of the location and the description of the claim, all of which it is required be made to appear in the record of the survey. Unless these data be furnished you you will always decline to execute a survey for any applicants.

5th. In value in your opinion of the improvements and expenditures upon the Pine Ridge claim is stated in your notes, but of what they consist by whom made does not appear. Your certificate however I think would be sufficient if it stated that the applicants Casey and Mc Gregor are the original locators and that the improvements were made by them or by their grantors. The regulations require that the deputy certify in each instance that the improvements and/or expenditures considered by him in his estimate of value, and which must be described by him in his report of value, were made by the applicant or applicants or their grantors. From this requirement you will see wherein the notes of the surveys of the Pine and Summit claims also need amendment.

In the case of the Pine claim survey the starting point of your connecting line is stated to be from a large rock or boulder in place bearing cut mound the mark 3" and being the witness corner for the true section or quarter section corner of public surveys, the true corner falling in an arroyo 3 lks. south. This description of the spot is entirely insufficient to identify it or it should be stated or a witness to what corner that corner is meant beyond doubt. Nor do you state from whence what portion of the rock your line starts whether from the mark 3" or from some other point of the

rock, And I think you are in error in basing the spot described for a writers corner or any corner of the publics surveys. It would appear to be the spot described by deputy Willison in 1869 in his notes of the survey of the Santa Rita claim an extract from which notes says "I proceed to a large red conglomerate rock 10 feet long 8 feet wide and 5 feet high, which had been selected by the claimant as the south easterly corner of the Santa Rita del Cobre mine. In this rock I cut a cross (X) one half an inch in depth and erected a mound of stones above the cross as the commencing corner of claim. On the face of the rock facing the claim I cut in large figures the number 37. Immediately about the rock selected as the commencing corner are 5 large rocks of a similar formation. The corner is 75 links N. of an arroyo coming from an old copper mine to the S.E." The corner thus described by deputy Willison is N. 6 W. 4.46 chs. from cor. to secs. 26, 27, 34, 35 in T. 17 S., R. 12 W. I return to you by this mail the original notes of these surveys that you may see wherein they are defective and may correct them either at the corresponding places in the notes themselves or by addenda at their ends signed and sworn to.

As the claimants have made the necessary deposits of funds for the work upon these claims devolving upon this office, you will please attend to the matter of correcting your notes of the survey thereof as soon as practicable so that the office may dispose of them without any unnecessary delay, and when corrected return them to the Surveyor General, for which purpose I enclose the requisite amount of official postage stamps.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Sam. T. Wilder
Actg Clerk.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, New Mexico
December 11, 1874

Col. A. B. Eaves
Paymaster U. S. Army
Washington D. C.

Sir; - I herewith enclose copy of letter of the Honorable Commissioner of the General Land Office dated October 31, 1874 in regard to the San Pedro grant, and notify you that you are allowed sixty days within which to appeal from the decision therein contained, to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior. I do this because I understand that you control an interest of more than one half of said grant.

Respectfully your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office,
Santa Fé New Mexico,
December 11, 1874.

Hon E. A. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that I returned yesterday to my post of duty, having been absent since 18th Oct. last or more.

Very respectfully your obedient servant
James K. Proudfit,
Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office
Santa Fé, N. Mi. Dec. 19, 1874.

Hon. E. A. Burdett.
Commissioner of the General Land Office, Washington, D. C.

Sir:- I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt to day of your letter of the 9th instant with enclosures concerning the survey of the Las Trigos grant.

Very respectfully your obedient servant. James K Proudfit.

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Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 24, 1874.

Hon. S. S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir:- I have the honor to transmit herewith the approved salary and incidental expense accounts created in this office during the fiscal quarter ending the 31st. instant.

Very respectfully your obedient servant
Jesus M. Pereyra
Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office,
Santa Fé, New Mexico,
December 26, 1874.

Hon S. S. Burdett,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:- I have the honor to transmit today in two registered packages, each transcript in triplicate, Private Land claims reported as number

95 in the name of Town of Bonilleta.
96 " " Ignacio Chaves et al.
97 " " Joaquin Bustos,
98 " " Pena y Pacheco & Padilla,
99 " " Pulido & Lafoya et al,
100 " " Montoya & Montoya,
101 " " Antonio Baca,
102 " " Antonio Ortan Montaño,
103 " " Luis Jaramillo,
104 " " Baltazar Baca & Bros,

to be transmitted to Congress for its action under the eighth section of the act of July 22, 1854.

Very respectfully your obedient servant
Jesus M. Pereyra
Surveyor General